Pre-Colonial Africa, Effects of Colonialism, and the Declaration of Human Rights

Purpose: to understand the future & modern impact of Africa and its pre-colonial culture

Activity #1: Colonization of Africa Sources & Rating

Complete the statement ratings using the sources on the next pages.

Activity #2: Application of Declaration of Human Rights

In the outline of Africa below, put the numbers of the articles of the Declaration of Human rights that apply to the issue of colonization of Africa?

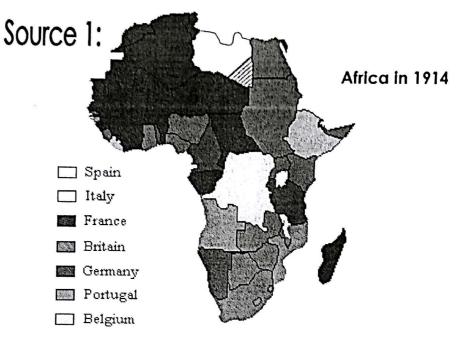


Pick one of the human rights you chose and explain why it applies:

Activity #3: Answer the Essential Question

Would the events of African colonization been different if the Declaration of Human Rights document was around at the time of colonization/invasion of Africa? Why?						

COLONIZATION OF AFRICA



Source 2:

Land Controlled by US/European Powers by 1900				
Region	Percentage Controlled			
Africa	90.4%			
Polynesia	98.9%			
Asia	56.5%			
Australia	100%			
Americas	27.2%			

Source 3:

THE GROWTH OF COLONIES					
<u>Nation</u>	Area (in million:	Area (in millions of square miles)			
	<u>1876</u>	1914			
Germany	0	1.1			
Great Britain	8.7	12.9			
France	.3	4.1			
Russia	6.6	6.7			

Source 4:

COLONIES BY NATION in 1914						
	Great Britain	France	Belgium	Netherlands	Germany	
Area in Square Miles	94,000	212,600	11,800	13,200	210,000	
Population	45.5 million	42 million	8.3 million	8.5 million	67.5 million	
Area (in sq. miles) of Colonies	13,100,000	4,300,000	940,000	790,000	1,100,000	
Population of the Colonies	470 million	65 million	13 million	66 million	13 million	

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Source 5:

From Chief Macemba, head of the Yao people to a German officer

"I have listened to your words but can find no reason why I should obey you – I would rather die first. I have no (family) with you and cannot bring it to my mind that you have given me so much as a pesa (small amount of money) or the quarter of a pesa or a needle or thread. I look for some reason why I should obey you and find not the smallest. If it should be friendship that you (want), than I am ready for it, today and always. But to be your subject, that I cannot be ... If it should be war you (want), then I am ready, but never to be your subject."

Source 6:

Rules For Colonization in Africa (1885)

In order to claim land as a colony a nation must...

- 1. make a public statement of the claim.
- 2. live in the land (building roads or railroads is enough).
- 3. have control from the interior to the coast.
- 4. make an agreement with the natives saying the nation now has control.



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Based on the SOURCE(S)

DIRECTIONS: Mark an "X" on the line to show what you think of each statement. Explain your opinions and support them by citing "Colonization of Africa" sources below each.

1. Colonies made European countries more powerful.	
Strongly	Strongly
Agree	
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2. Colonization of Africa was peaceful. Africans were happy Europeans improve their lands.	to have
Strongly	Strongly
Agree	Disagree
3. Colonization had little impact on African people.	
Strongly	Strongly
Agree	Disagree
4. Colonizing Africa was fair for both Europeans and Africans.	
Strongly	Strongly
Agree	Disagree
5. Most of the world was controlled by Europe by the 20th century.	
Strongly	Strongly
Agree	Disagree

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