



The Scramble for Africa

**A. Background**

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2. Not much (if anything) was known about interior Africa.

3. As European territories became ‘set’, Kings and Queens wanted to expand their control.

4. Africa was the obvious choice, as it was near and held many natural resources.

~Europeans did not consider Native Africans as equals, so they saw no problem in taking over their territory

**B. Early Colonial Rule**

1. In 1884 the major European Powers met to discuss how they would divide Africa.

2. This became known as the Berlin Conference of 1884.

~ African Natives were not invited to the conference

3. The major powers, Britain, France, Portugal, Italy, Belgium, and Germany divided the territory to best serve their needs.

~These European Boundaries often crossed social and cultural boundaries, leading to internal conflict

4. As internal conflicts increased amongst native groups, the European powers were able to increase their control and power, taking advantage of weaknesses.

5. By 1895, all of Africa was controlled by European leaders, except Liberia.

6. Liberia had been purchased by the United States during the Berlin Conference.

~Once slaves were freed in the United States, they had the option to move back

to Liberia and be given land to live off

**C. End of Colonial Rule**

1. Colonial Rule in Africa is short lived.

2. By 1950- almost all areas were actively seeking independence from European Powers.

~Some peacefully, others through war

3. The Independence movement brought to light many existing problems in Africa.

~Economies were built around European needs- Not African

~Borders were in dispute (Traditional vs European)

~Civil Wars amongst Natives over who would gain control

~Genocides occurred due to differences in religions, languages, and ideologies

4. 1960 became known as the ‘Year of Independence’, as most countries were granted their freedom.

~Once a few European powers left, economies and safety went down

5. Today, Sudan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Somalia are still fighting battles due to territory disputes created by Colonial rule.

6. The legacy of the colonial rule on Africa has a strong presence.

~Common languages are French and English (due to colonial rule)

~Many names and places have European names

7. Economies of Africa, the United States, and European nations are strongly linked, as Africa is a main exporter of Uranium, Gold, Coal, and Diamonds, which are sold mostly to their old colonial empires, because they have close ties to these countries.

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