

Aim: How did European Imperialism effect Africa?

### I. Factors causing Imperialism

1. Imperialism: takeover of a country by a more powerful country
2. Plan to dominate it politically, economically, and socially
3. Europeans had superior technology and weapons
4. Steam engine
5. Improved communication (cables and railroads)
6. New medicine
7. Disunity between African peoples

### II. Types of Colonial Dominance

1. Colonies: controlling power has direct influence in gov't
2. Protectorates: regions allowed to keep their own gov't, but controlled by outside power
3. Sphere of Influence: areas which granted trading privileges to another country

### III. Europe in Africa

#### A. The Congo

- i. David Livingstone first to search for source of the Nile
- ii. King Leopold II of Belgium received control
- iii. Established rubber plantations
- iv. Wages low, harsh conditions

#### B. The Berlin Conference

- i. European countries wanted to expand their interests in Africa
- ii. European countries met to peacefully divide Africa
- iii. No representatives from African tribes were invited
- iv. Division of Africa was done without regard to ethnic or cultural lines
- v. By 1914 all of Africa was divided
- vi. Two countries remained independent Liberia and Ethiopia

#### C. Rivalries in South Africa

- i. Zulu tribe rose to power in early 1800s
- ii. Led by Shaka Zulu
- iii. In 1887 the Zulu tribe was defeated by the British

#### D. Cape Colony

- i. Dutch known as Boers, controlled Cape Colony in 1652
- ii. British took over in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- iii. Boers were in conflict with the British
- iv. 1899 Boer War
- v. competed over land
- vi. British won and created Union of South Africa 1902

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#### IV Results of Colonial Rule

1. Hospitals were created
2. Schools improved literacy
3. Railroads and public works improved travel and trade
4. Telephones and telegraphs improved communication
5. Africans lost control of their lands
6. Formation of cash-crop plantations