

Chapter II Section I Reading Guide: Imperialists Divide Africa

Instructions: Read pages 305-309 and answer the following questions. Write your answers on the right side of the page.

Name: _____

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I. BEFORE YOU READ:

Read the "MAIN IDEA" and "SETTING THE STAGE" on page 305. Based on this summary, write a one sentence summary of what you expect to learn by reading Chapter II SECTION I.

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2. Describe the *characteristics* of Africa in the mid-1800's?

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3. By the mid-1800's, Europeans controlled very little land in Africa. *Why?*

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3. In 1882, King Leopold II of Belgium signed agreements with local tribes and created the colony called the Belgian Congo.
How were Africans treated in the Belgian Congo?

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4. Define **Imperialism**:

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5. Explain how European views towards Africa were racist:

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6. Read "A Voice From the Past" on page 306. Explain how his statement is an example of the social theory of *Social Darwinism*?

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7. Look at the “Europeans Enter Africa” on page 307.

- a. Which *European Motive* was most powerful in driving the Europeans’ conquest of Africa? Why?
- b. Which *External Force* was most important in enabling European conquest of Africa? Why?
- c. How did Europeans use the huge variety of languages and cultures in Africa to their advantage?

8. In 1884-1885, European countries met at the **Berlin Conference**.

- a. Why did Europeans arrange the Berlin Conference?
- b. Refer to the map on 308. How do you see the impact of the Berlin Conference based on the 1878 map and the 1913 map?
- c. As new borders were drawn, Africa’s diverse ethnic and cultural groups were in many cases either combined or split. What sort of problems might result from this?

9. How was the struggle for land in the **Boer War** different from other takeovers in Africa?

10. Summary: **On a separate sheet of paper**, write a paragraph that answers the following question *in your own words*:

- **Based on this reading, what was the impact of European Imperialism on Africa?**

Bonus (10 pts - also on separate sheet):

What questions do you still have?
Identify 2-3 questions that you still have about what you read. For each question, identify where you could go to find an answer.

(write answer on separate sheet of paper)

Notes: