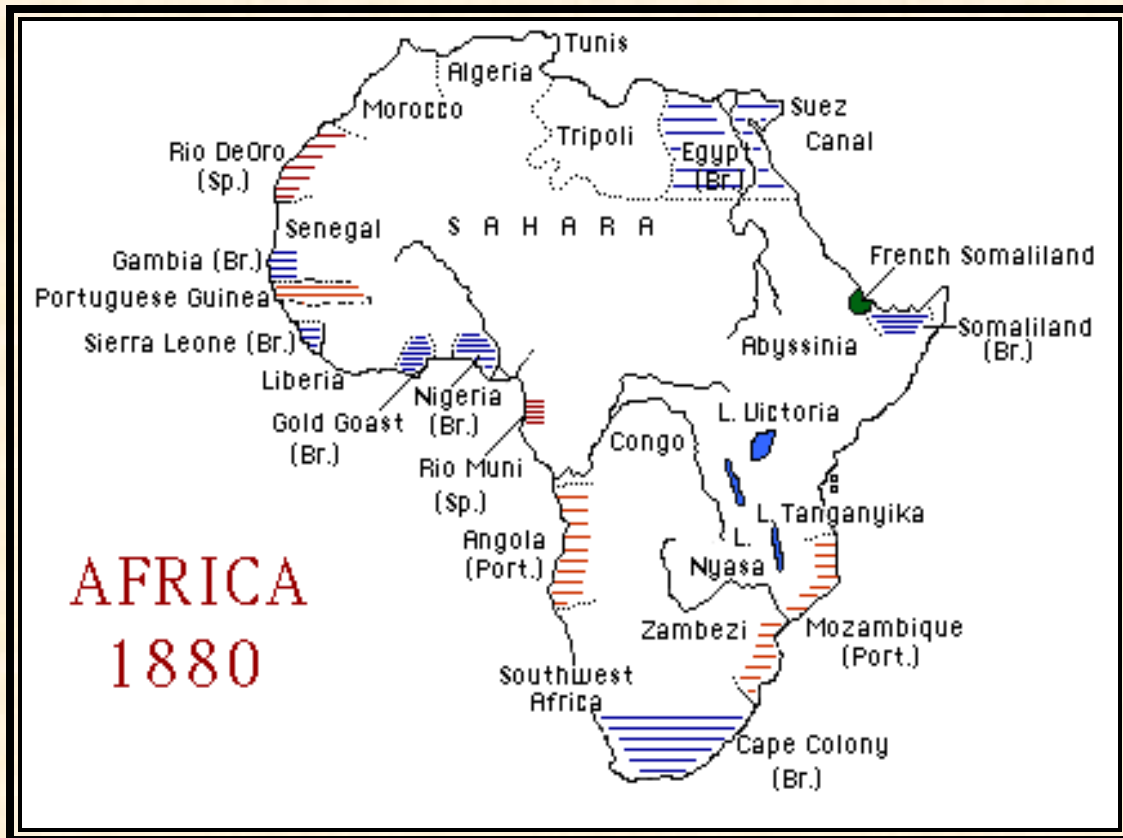


19th Century European Imperialism in Africa

Case Study: Congo

Web Quest



Essential Questions

- ❖ What were the goals of 19th century European imperialism for Africa?
- ❖ How were those goals realized by King Leopold II of Belgium in the Congo?

Task I

1. For a general review of European imperialism in the 19th century, visit the following website. Take some notes.

<http://www2.sunysuffolk.edu/westn/imperialism.html>

2. Visit the following website: <http://dictionary.reference.com/>
Differentiate between the following terms: colonization, imperialism.

3. Visit the following website to view the extent of colonial empires in the world of 1914. Write one statement that summarizes the map in view.

<http://users.erols.com/mwhite28/1907powr.htm>

Click around on the map to get more information.

Task II

4. Answer the following questions after visiting the websites listed below.
- What were the main causes of European colonization of Africa in the nineteenth century?
 - How did European imperialists justify their return to Africa as colonizers?
 - What major changes took place between 1880 and 1940? Use the 1880 map above for comparison.

The Colonization of Africa

<http://exhibitions.nypl.org/africanaage/essay-colonization-of-africa.html>

Map of Africa as a colonized continent.

<http://users.erols.com/mwhite28/afri1914.htm>

5. Investigate the Berlin Conference of 1884 by visiting the following web sites. Then answer the questions.

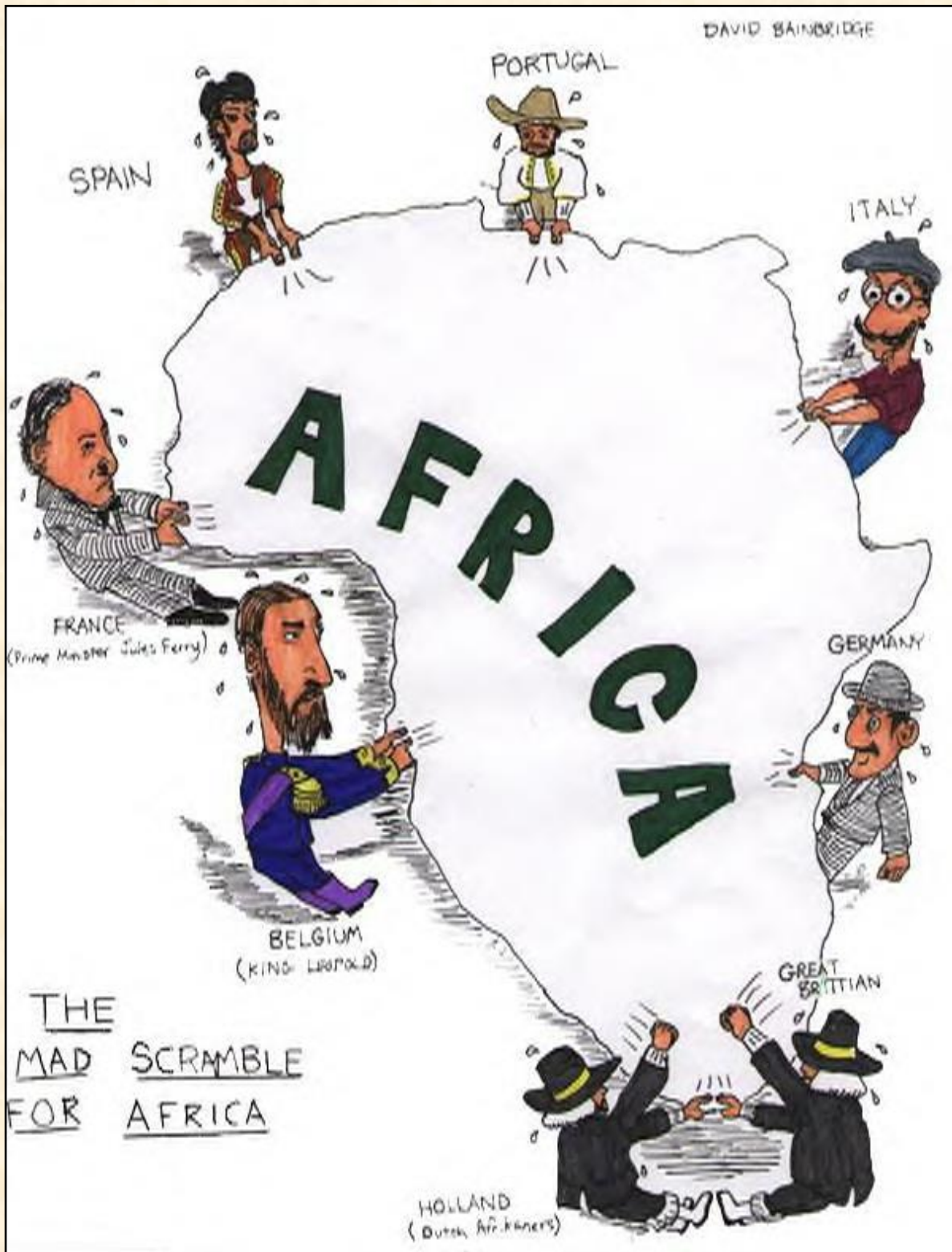
- Who was involved in the planning of the conference and why?
- What was the ultimate purpose of the conference?
- How did this conference impact colonialism in Africa?

“Conference host Otto von Bismarck—the “Iron Chancellor” of the German Empire—famously declared: ‘My map of Africa lies in Europe.’”

Berlin Conference

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6. In the political cartoon below, which countries are competing for Africa?



Task III

7. Answer the following questions about the country of the Congo as a case study of European imperialism in Africa in the 1800s by visiting the web sites.

- a) In the time period, 1750 to 1914, who colonized this country, why and when?
- b) Compare and contrast conditions in the Congo (Kongo) during the time period 1450 to 1750 with conditions in the Congo, 1750 to 1914.
- c) What effects did colonialism have on this country? (Cite specific political, economic and social examples.)
- d) In what ways did the country react to colonization? (Cite specific examples.) How did the world react to hearing of atrocities committed within this colony?
- e) Predict the potential problems to be faced by this Belgian colony in the wake of independence and self-rule.

<http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/35/181.html>

<http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/35/073.html>

<http://www.historywiz.com/leopold.htm>

CIA – The World Factbook 2001 – The Democratic Republic of the Congo
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/cg.html>