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# Research Guiding Questions

Assigned Country in Africa: \_\_\_\_\_ Native Culture: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TASK 1:** Locate your country on a map of Africa (Print out an Image of This)

- **Attach the map to this paper.**

**TASK 2:** Find out about your country’s geographical features.

Research Question:	Answers/Evidence:
What distinctive geographic features comprise your country?	
What natural resources are available?	
How does weather and climate impact the country?	

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**TASK 3:** Research the history of your country prior to Imperialism (up to the year 1800 –approximately). Include in the history:

Research Question:	Answers/Evidence:
<b>Political:</b> What is/are the form(s) of government of your country?	
<b>Social:</b> What interactions has your country had with other countries/nations?	
<b>Social:</b> What is the structure or organization of society within your country?	
<b>Economic:</b> How do they make their living? What are the imports/exports and exports of your country? How stable is the economy? What is an average household income? Are they self-sufficient or “poor”?	
<b>Miscellaneous</b> historical information about your country.	

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Social Studies Course Resources – Imperialism ResourcesGuide (hint: scroll down)



**TASK 1:** What is the cultural/native tribe of your country?

In researching and presenting about these people, you **MUST RESEARCH 5** of the following topics:

Research Question:	Answers/Evidence:
<b>Religion</b> – Traditional religion, not Christianity or Islam	
<b>Art</b> – Is this tribe know for a specific art form?	

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<b>Music and Dance-</b> Describe a traditional dance or music style. What is the significance of the style. <b>(INCLUDE A VIDEO)</b>	
<b>Livelihood/Jobs-</b> What do the people within your tribe do for a living, for traditional work or industry? How are they paid? Do they barter?	
<b>Social Structure-</b> Who is in charge of the family? How many generations live within a household? How are decisions made? What is the social hierarchy of the tribe? Does gender play a role?	
<b>Biography of an important person-</b> What is the significance of this person and their impact on their tribe?	
<b>Beliefs/Rites of Passage/Holiday-</b> What celebrations does this tribe participate in or honor?	

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<http://www.bcps.org/offices/lis/models/imperial/sites.html>

websites for European Imperialism and European Responses

**TASK 1:** What did Imperialism look like in your country? Research the answers to the following questions.

Research Question:	Answers/Evidence:
<b>What European power colonized your country?</b>	
<b>Why did they colonize</b> (what were the specific European motives)?	
<b>What kind of imperialism was practiced?</b> (Sphere of Influence?, Protectorate?, Colony?)	

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**TASK 2:** Create a **timeline** of Imperialism until Independence.

Research Question:	Answers/Evidence:
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> How did Imperialism affect your country? Did the colonial power deplete the natural resources of your country? What resources were they interested in?	
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> How did Imperialism affect your country? What form of government was used? Who was in power (natives, colonial power, etc.)	
<b>SOCIAL ISSUES</b> How did Imperialism affect your country? Were there abuses of power? What abuses occurred? To Whom? Why?	

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**TASK 1:** Research the answers to the following questions.

Has Imperialism had a lasting legacy on your country?

Research Question:	Answers/Evidence:
<b>What is the lasting legacy of Imperialism on your country?</b>	
<b>Describe your country's current form of government.</b>	

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<p><b>Who is the leader of your country today?</b> Provide some details about this person.</p>	
<p><b>Is your country still “influenced” by European powers</b></p>	
<p><b>What are the modern problems your country faces?</b> Be specific</p>	
<p><b>What is presently working in your country?</b> (positives of your country)</p>	
<p><b>What is the country’s GDP (gross domestic product) and GNI/P (gross national income; formerly product)</b> What is do these numbers mean?</p>	

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