



Social Studies Virtual Learning

Geography

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Lesson 31: May 4th, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: What is the modern impact of Imperialism on Africa today?

Warm Up

1.



Warm up questions

1. What country took the most land in Africa?
2. Brainstorm, how could Africa benefit from this?
3. Brainstorm, how could Africa be affected negatively by this?

Warm-up answers

1. France or Britain
2. Technology, roads, medicine, railroads, government structure, etc...
3. Loss of culture, loss of laws, poverty, civil wars, slavery, etc...

Lesson Activity

There will be information on the next two slides about the positive and negative effects of Imperialism. Study the two slides. Then following the two slides, you will have to look at four different pictures and decide if the picture is a positive or negative effect of Imperialism on Africa today and explain why.

Positive Effects of Imperialism

- Improved Infrastructure:

- Introduction of modern technology from the Industrial Revolution that Africa had not experienced yet.
- Modern roads
- Railroads
- Telegraphs
- Telephones
- Electricity
- Water and sewage pipes

Negative Effects of Imperialism

- Africans lost their land and independence.
 - African peoples lost the power to govern their own lives.
 - None of them were included in the new colonial governments set up by the Europeans.
 - African people already had laws and traditions for maintaining order and did not need European interference.
 - The colonial governments did not receive money from their mother country, so they taxed the Africans heavily.
 - Africans were indirectly forced to work for the Europeans because those taxes had to be paid in European currency.
 - This resulted in more and more Africans being forced to work for the Europeans.

Pictures one and two

1. Positive or negative?



2. Positive or negative?



Pictures 3 and 4

3. Positive or Negative?

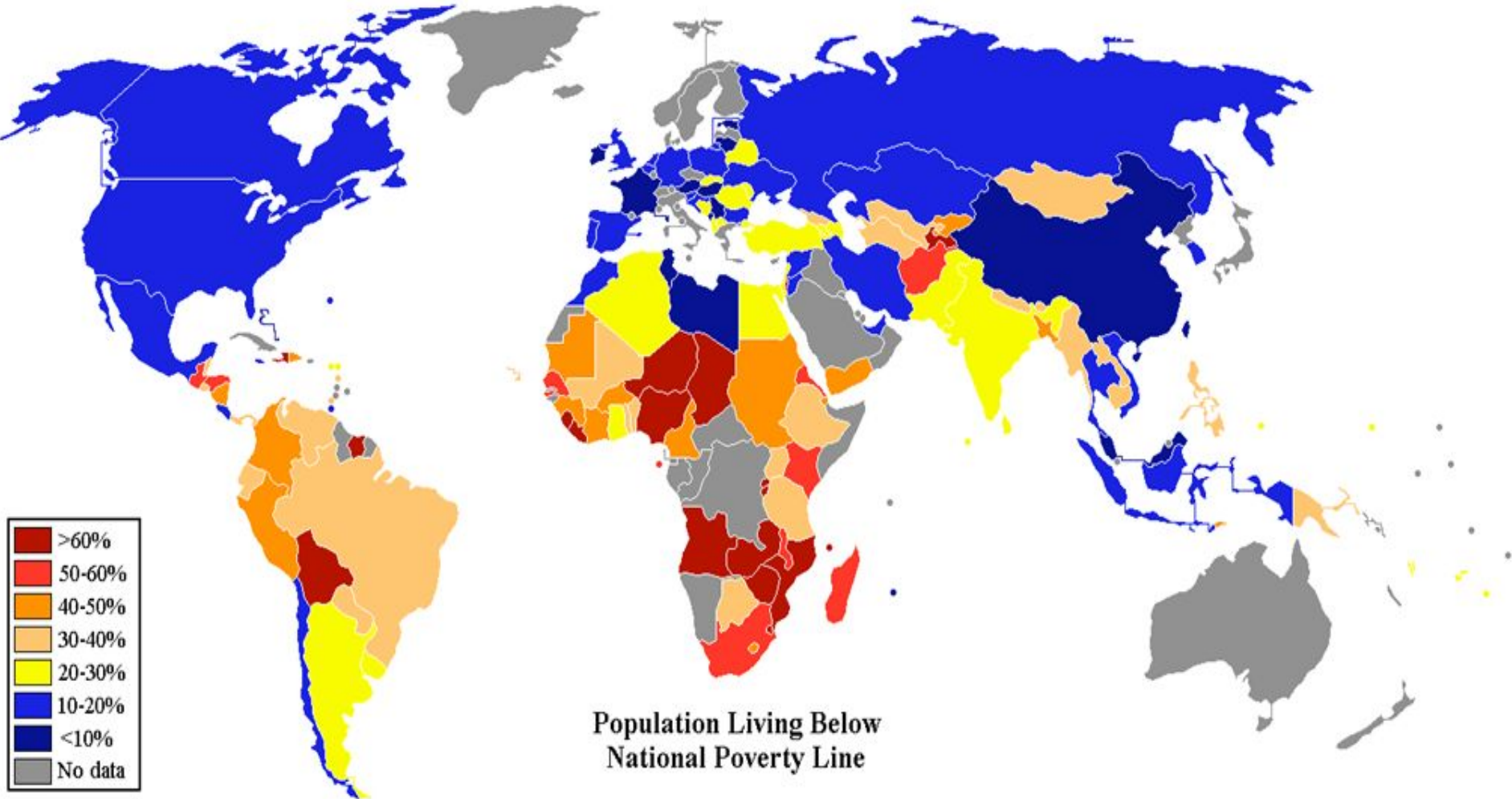


4. Positive or Negative?



Picture Answers

1. Positive---road systems were put in place by European countries
2. Negative---Imperialism still causes major poverty in Africa today
3. Negative---African countries had to pay very harsh taxes to their Imperial power
4. Positive---Water lines were set up.



Population Living Below National Poverty Line

Source: CIA World Factbook 2008

Map questions

1. What continent seems to have the most poverty today?
2. Do you think Imperialism is part of the reason why? Explain.

Map answers

1. Africa

2. Answers will vary, some might say yes, because it is what really started extreme poverty in Africa

Reflection

After reviewing the impacts of Imperialism on Africa today, do you think it has had more of a positive impact or negative impact? Explain.

Write a one paragraph response explaining your choice.