**European Partitioning Across Africa—CLOZE Notes**

1. Europeans first became interested in Africa for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The trans-Atlantic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_lasted from the 1500’s to the mid-1800’s.
3. European countries saw that Africa was a continent full of vast \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and mineral wealth.
4. The end of the 19th century is called the “Age of Imperialism” which refers to European countries \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and power.
5. During this time, many European countries expanded their empires by aggressively establishing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so that they could exploit and export Africa’s resources.
6. During the 1800’s, Europeans moved further into the continent in search of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and places to build successful colonies.
7. The natives often fought against the European powers; however, they often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_because the European \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were superior.
8. When Europeans returned to Africa for more resources, they brought back the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sold them to Africans.
9. No major nation wanted to be without colonies which led to this “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.
10. The idea of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” Africa also made many Europeans look favorably on the colonization of the continent.
11. To prevent a European \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over Africa, leaders from 14 European governments and from the United States met in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Germany in 1884.
12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Africans were invited to participate.
13. At the meeting, The European leaders discussed Africa’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and how it should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. European powers organized Africa’s population in ways to make the most efficient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, ignoring the natives’ cultural groups or existing political leadership at the time of colonization.
15. Europeans also tried to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Africans (have African people give up their own African customs and adopt European customs).
16. In order to gain power, Europeans encouraged Africans to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against each other.
17. There have been over 50 ethnic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Africa since WWII as a result of the colonial lines drawn by Europeans.
18. By the mid-twentieth century, African began to openly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ European control of their countries.

**Colonization Pros and Cons**

**Directions: Read the following excerpt and then complete the T-chart.**

Beginning in the 1880’s, European countries, such as Great Britain, France, and Germany, set out to claim Africa south of the Sahara. For economic profit and political advantage, they carved the region into colonies. In doing so, they ripped apart once-unified regions and threw together ethnic groups that had little in common. European armies with advanced weapons defeated Africans who resisted the takeover. By 1914, almost the entire region was under European control.

European rule greatly changed Africa south of the Sahara. Europeans built railroads and roads and introduced new feeds and fertilizers to improve farming. They provided some Africans with European-style education and medical care. A chief goal of Europeans, however, was to export Africa’s raw materials to help their own economies. As a result, few industries were established in Africa and the region remained largely undeveloped.

**Directions:  Make two columns on your paper.  Head the columns like this:**

**Advantages of European Colonization Disadvantages of Being Colonized**

Using the information above, what is your perspective on African colonization?