**African Independence Webquest**

**Directions:** You will use several different pages from the BBC’s *Story of Africa* website. The links will be on this document AND in the Blendspace (U7-Decolonization). Read the questions and passages carefully to ensure accurate answers.

**Part I - Towards Independence** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/specials/1624_story_of_africa/page3.shtml>

1. What were the independent African nations at the end of World War II?

2. Why did the United States want an end to European colonization?

3. What role did the Soviet Union play in African independence movements?

4. How did African independence movements play into the larger Cold War occurring between the US and USSR?

**Part II - Contrasting Styles**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/specials/1624_story_of_africa/page4.shtml>

5. Create a Thinking Map comparing and contrasting colonial styles in Africa of the British and French (at least 10 items)

**Part III - Case Studies**

Complete the four case studies shared with you in Google Drive and complete the Comparison Chart.

**Part IV - The Nation State**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/specials/1624_story_of_africa/page6.shtml>

6. What problems did newly independent nations encounter in regards to national borders?

7. What country was the exception to the difficulties in #6?

8. Why was communism attractive to the newly independent nations (TWO reasons)?

**Part V - Education**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/specials/1624_story_of_africa/page9.shtml>

9. What was the purpose of the first schools by “outsiders” created in Africa?

10. What was the problem of the educational systems in Africa at the time of independence?

11. Why were there few universities in Africa at the time of indpendence?

12. What group was primarily excluded from education?

**Part VI - After Independence**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/specials/1624_story_of_africa/page9.shtml>

13. Summarize the each section of this page in 1-2 sentences.

* Cracks in National Unity
* Border Disputes
* Realities
* One-Party States
* Multi-party Revival

**Part VII - Brainstorm**

14. Now that you have examined Africa, brainstorm the problems facing Africa. I have started you with three main categories but there are other categories and you may add to this as you see fit.

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| **Social/Political** | **Economic** | **Environmental** |
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15. What problems did Africans face while under colonial rule? How do those problems compare to the issues facing the continent after independence? Give examples.

16. Of the issues listed in the chart above, which do you think were directly a result of European imperialism? Would any of those problems have existed if Europeans had never colonized the continent? Explain.