

SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Directions: After reading "The Scramble for Africa", complete the following questions.

1. Why did the Europeans control such a small portion of Africa in the 1800s?
2. What invention from the Industrial Revolution allowed Europeans to explore Africa's interior?
3. What did King Leopold of Belgium say were his motives in establishing the Belgian Congo?
4. What were the real reasons why King Leopold established the colony?
5. What "right and duty" for Europeans came out of the belief of Social Darwinism?
6. What attitude about the British does Rhodes' statement on page 2 display?
7. What was the purpose of the Berlin Conference?
8. What can you infer about the Europeans' attitudes towards Africans from the Berlin Conference?
9. Why do you think Africans weren't interested in buying European products?
10. What part of Africa had the most valuable mineral resources? What resources were located there?
11. Why did the Boers and the British fight over southern Africa?
12. How was the struggle for land in the Boer War different from other takeovers in Africa?