



CHAPTER 10

Africa South of the Sahara: Geography and History

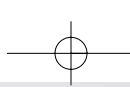
SECTION 1 The Geography of Africa South of the Sahara

SECTION 2 African Cultures and Empires

SECTION 3 The Impact of Colonialism on African Life

SECTION 4 The Road to Independence





Who owns a country?

FOCUS ON GEOGRAPHY

Place • This 1892 drawing of a British imperialist illustrates the United Kingdom's claim on Africa. In the late 1800s, many European nations wanted to control a piece of the continent. By the early 1900s, all but two African nations were colonized by European powers. What did Africans think about this? Who owned Africa: the Africans or the European colonizers?

What do you think?

- ◆ Why do you think the artist drew the British man with his feet planted on Egypt and South Africa?
- ◆ What are the benefits and disadvantages of being a colony?

Place Most Africans live in villages, not in cities. The cliffside dwellings of the Tellem tribe are built above a Banani village in Mali.



READING SOCIAL STUDIES

BEFORE YOU READ

►► What Do You Know?

Africa south of the Sahara is a land rich in natural resources. Despite this, many countries in this part of Africa do not have strong economies. What do you know of Africa's early history? How did Europeans affect the development of this region? Reflect on what you have learned in other classes, what you have read, and what you have seen in movies or on television about the countries in Africa south of the Sahara.

►► What Do You Want to Know?

Decide what you know about Africa south of the Sahara. In your notebook, record what you hope to learn from this chapter.



Place • Baule gold masks sometimes represent the face of an enemy killed in battle. ▲

READ AND TAKE NOTES

Reading Strategy: Analyzing Causes and Effects

As you read about history, it is important to understand not only historical events, but also why the events happened (causes) and what resulted from the events (effects). Use the chart below to record the causes and effects of processes that shaped the history of Africa south of the Sahara.

- Copy the chart into your notebook.
- As you read, look for information about the geographic and human processes listed on the chart.
- Record the causes and effects of each process.



Culture • Traditional dances in Zambia are used for tribal ceremonies and entertainment. ▲

Causes	Processes	Effects
	desertification	
	Bantu migration	
	gold-for-salt trade	
	Atlantic slave trade	
	colonization	
	independence	