

SOCIAL SCIENCE

An Introduction to the History of Africa

- I. AFRICA—MYTH AND REALITY 10%
 - A. Climates
 - B. Geographic Characteristics of the African Continent
 - C. What Is in a Name?
 - D. Peoples
 - E. Languages
 - F. Eurocentrism
 - 1. Western Myths about Africa
 - 2. European Religion and Myths about Africa
 - a. Roman Catholicism
 - b. Calvinism
 - 3. Eurocentrism and the Atlantic Slave Trade
 - G. Afrocentrism
 - 1. Cheikh Anta Diop
 - 2. Martin Gardiner Bernal

- II. HUMAN ORIGINS 5%
 - A. Evidence for Human Origins in Africa
 - 1. Archaeological Evidence of Tools
 - 2. Fossil and Genetic Evidence
 - B. Hunter-Gatherers, Herders, and Farmers

- III. EARLY AFRICAN CIVILIZATIONS 15%
 - A. Ancient Egypt
 - B. West African Empires
 - 1. Ghana
 - 2. Mali
 - a. Sundiata Keïta
 - b. Mansa Musa and Mansa Kaw
 - c. Ibn Battuta and Mali
 - 3. Songhay
 - 4. Kanem-Bornu
 - C. Other Types of African States

- IV. ISLAM, CHRISTIANITY, AND TRADITIONAL AFRICAN RELIGION 20%
 - A. Traditional African Religion
 - B. Islam in Africa
 - 1. North Africa
 - a. Early Islam, Bilal, Axum, and Al-Azhar
 - 2. West Africa

- a. The Sokoto Caliphate and Nana Asma'u
- 3. East Africa
 - a. Swahili Culture
- C. Christianity in Africa
 - 1. Egypt and Abyssinia (Ethiopia)
 - 2. Christianity from Europe

V. THE ATLANTIC AND WEST AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE 20%

- A. Origins of the Atlantic Slave Trade
 - 1. African Slavery before the Europeans
 - 2. The Portuguese and the Spanish
 - 3. The Dutch, the British, and the Asante
- B. Slavery in West Africa: The Narrative of Olaudah Equiano
- C. The End of the Atlantic Slave Trade in Africa

VI. IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND REVOLUTION 10%

- A. The Berlin Conference
- B. The Nature of Imperial and Colonial Rule in West Africa
- C. The French in West Africa: Amadou Bamba and Touba
- D. The British in West Africa: The British, the Asante, and the Gold Coast
- E. Challenges to Colonial Systems

VII. THE RISE OF INDEPENDENT WEST AFRICA 20%

- A. The End of Imperial Rule in Africa
- B. Ghana, Pan-Africanism, and Kwame Nkrumah
- C. The Problems of Independence
- D. Nigeria and the Biafran Civil War
- E. Democracy in Independent Africa
- F. Globalization and Africa
- G. Challenges to National Unity in Mali
- H. Challenges to Economic Independence in Ghana
- I. Other Issues in Twenty-First Century Africa