

Historical Understanding: Europe

SS6H6 - SWBAT analyze the impact of European exploration and colonization on various world regions IOT trace the empires of Portugal, Spain, England, and France in Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

The New Imperialism

Imperialism is the policy of obtaining and occupying colonies to form an empire. In the late 1800s, a period of **New Imperialism** emerged as almost every European country tried to secure colonies in Africa, Asia, and the Western Pacific region.

In 1884, European nations divided Africa into colonies at the Berlin West Africa Conference. This division became known as the "Scramble for Africa." The European countries desired to use these colonies for natural resources and new markets for their goods as well as for strategic advantage in case of war or another type of conflict.

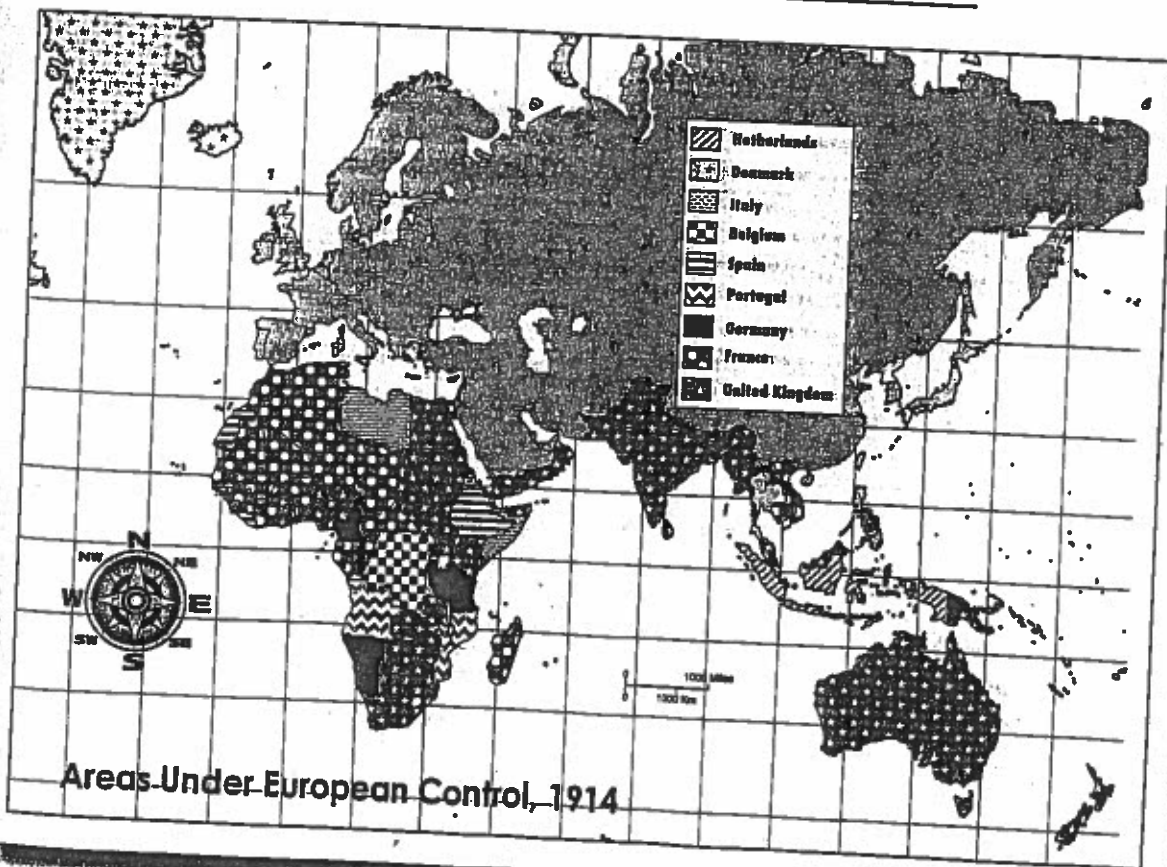


Map Skill-Builder

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Study the map of European Colonies in Africa and Asia in 1914. Follow these directions:

1. Shade the British colonies red.
2. Outline the French colonies in green.
3. Draw a blue star in the Portuguese colonies.
4. Shade the Spanish colonies orange.
5. Which country controlled the most territory? _____

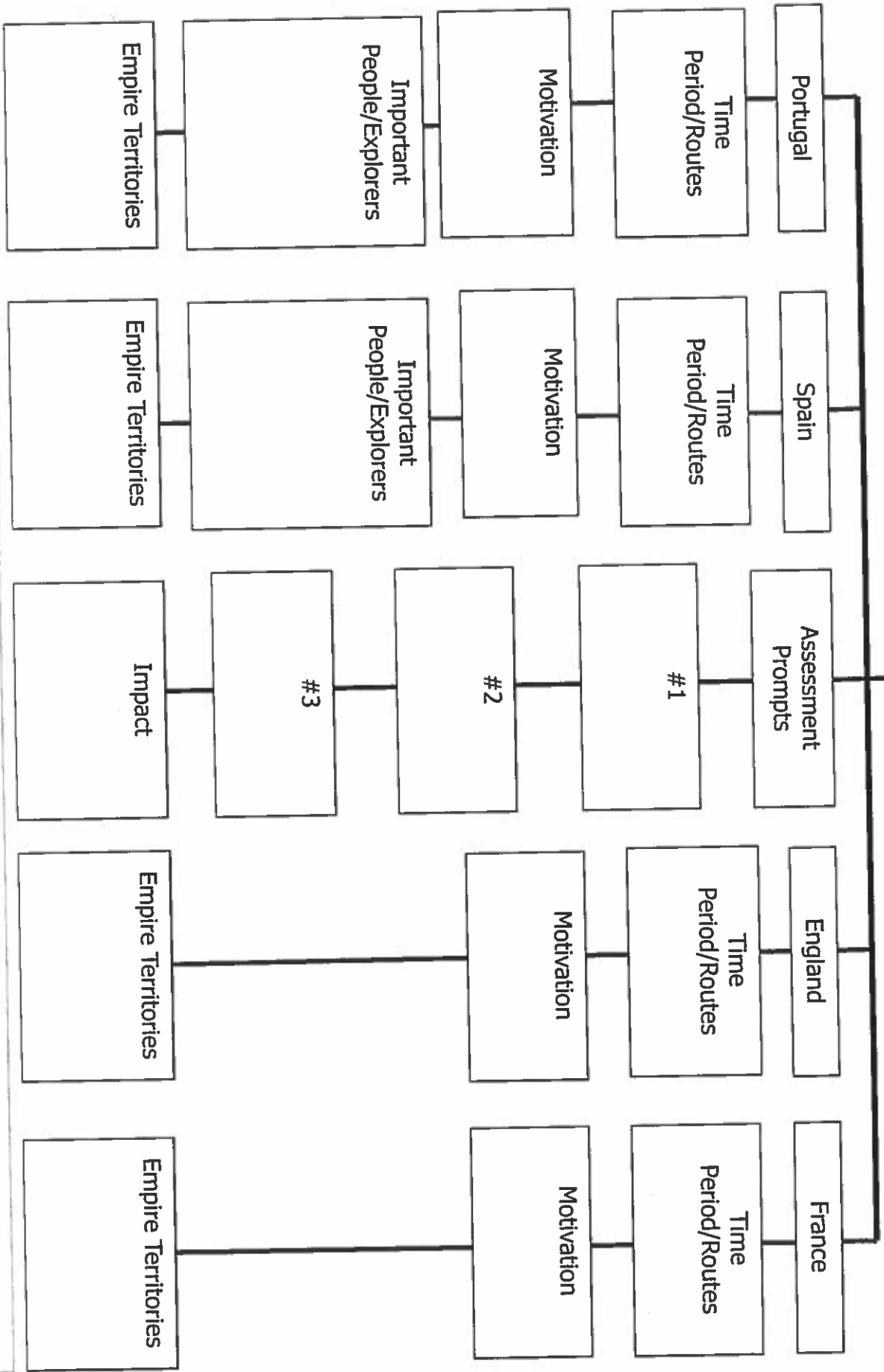


Areas Under European Control, 1914

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Crusades:

European Exploration and Colonization

I. Causes of European Exploration

1. Why did Europeans go exploring? (3 G's)

2. Even though the Crusades were a time of mass killing, three positive results include:

- a) Europeans learned to draw _____
- b) Europeans learned to build _____
- c) Europeans were exposed to _____

3. Why did European countries begin looking for trade routes that did not pass through Italy?

4. In the 1400s, new trade routes were created from Europe to Asia. This contributed to the expansion of the empires of which 4 European countries?



II. Portugal's Empire

5. Portugal wanted to find a trade route around _____ to _____.

6. Portugal wanted to spread _____ around Africa.

7. Prince Henry the Navigator created a _____ that taught students mapmaking, navigation, & astronomy.

8. Who did Prince Henry bring to work on his sugar plantations?

9. Which colony was the most profitable for Portugal?

III. Spain's Empire

10. Spain was looking for a trade route through or around _____ and _____ America to _____.

11. Christopher Columbus was sponsored by Spain to find a quick route to Asia, but instead, he landed in the _____ in 1492.

12. In the 1500s, Spanish _____ conquered the Inca and Aztec civilizations in South America.

IV. England's Empire

13. *Great Britain* united which three countries?

14. Great Britain had the _____ empire in history. It once controlled _____, _____, India, and much of Africa.

15. When Great Britain first colonized Australia, they used it as a _____ colony, or a place to send prisoners.

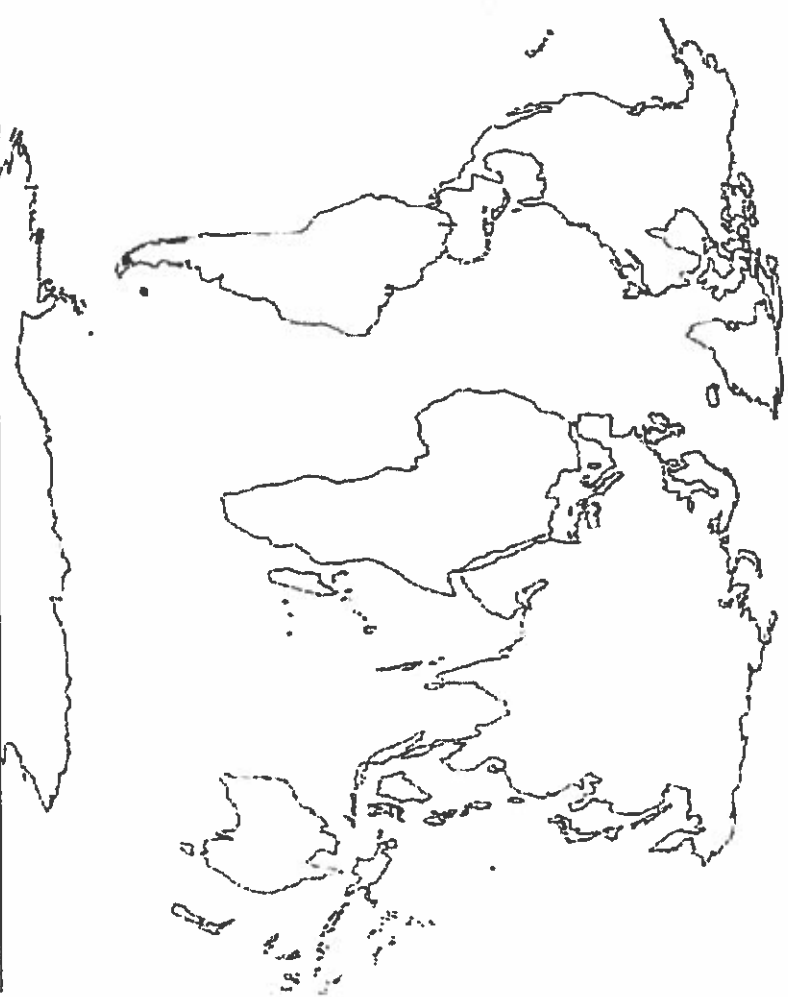
V. France's Empire

16. France maintained influence and established colonies in _____, South America, Southeast Asia, & Northwest Africa.

European Empires Around the World

Directions:

1. Color the Portuguese empire orange.
2. Color the Spanish empire green.
3. Color the English empire red (include Australia).
4. Color the French empire yellow.



Early Explorers

	Motivation What motivated the explorers?	Obstacles What obstacles did the explorers face?	Achievements What are some achievements that the explorers accomplished?
Portugal			
Spain			
England			
France			