

WEEK 5

The post-colonial journey of Africa

Africa

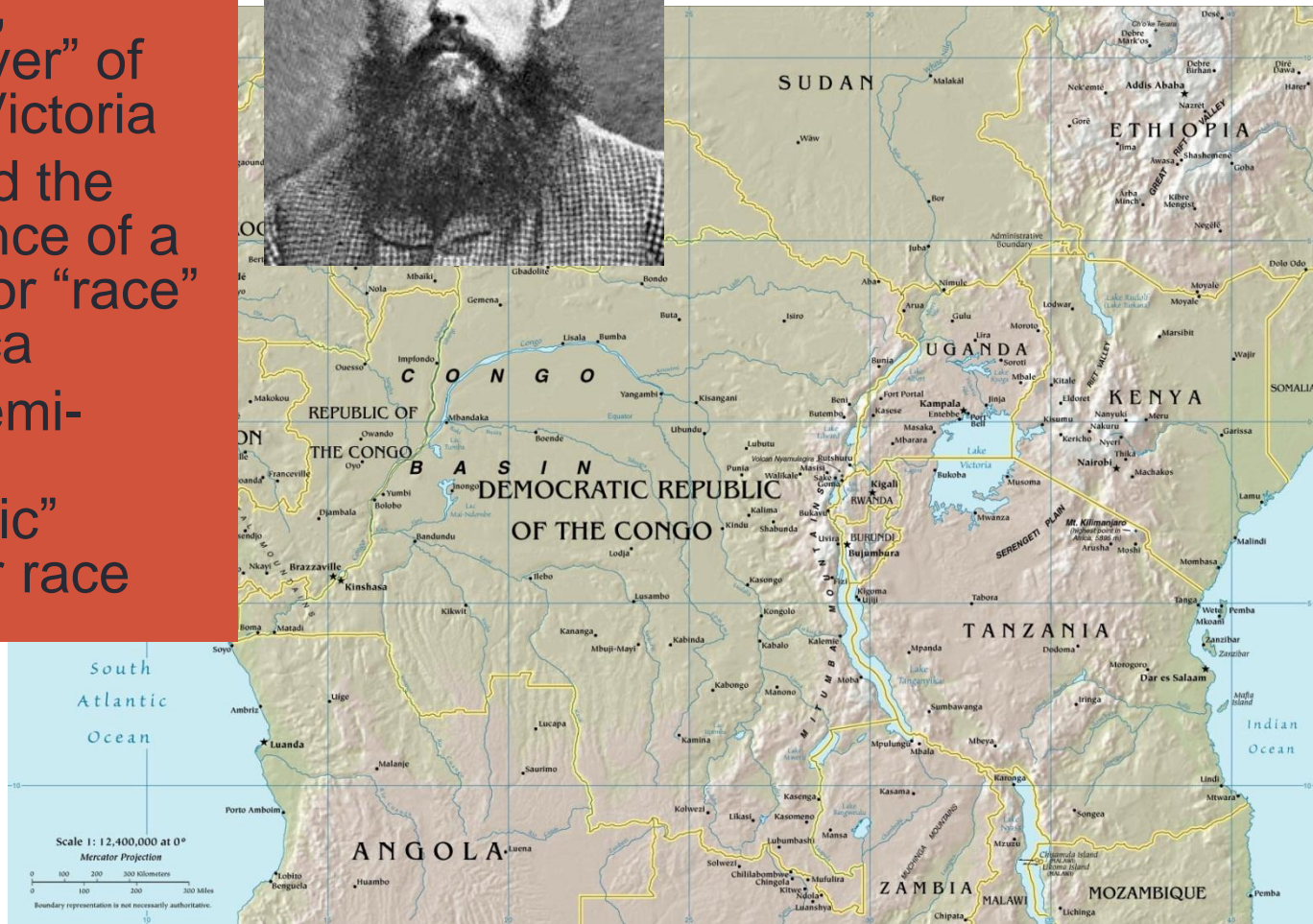
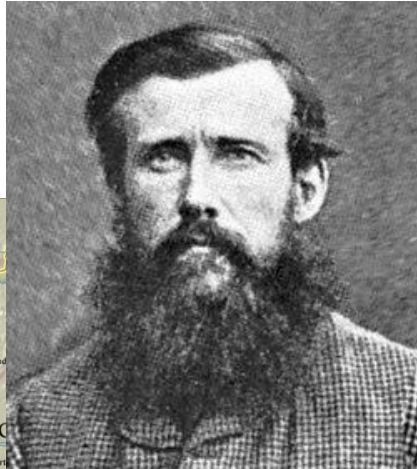


Students defy segregation in Greensboro, North Carolina, 1960

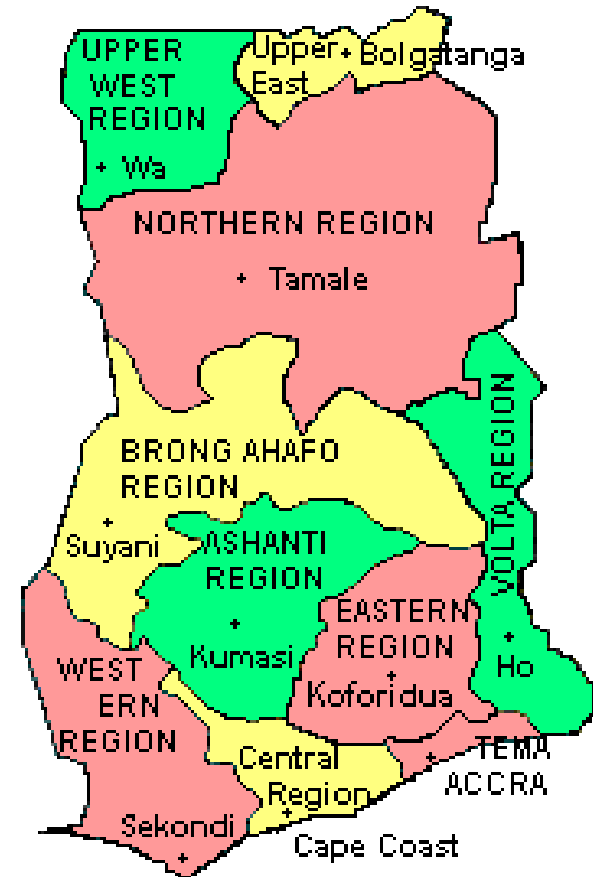
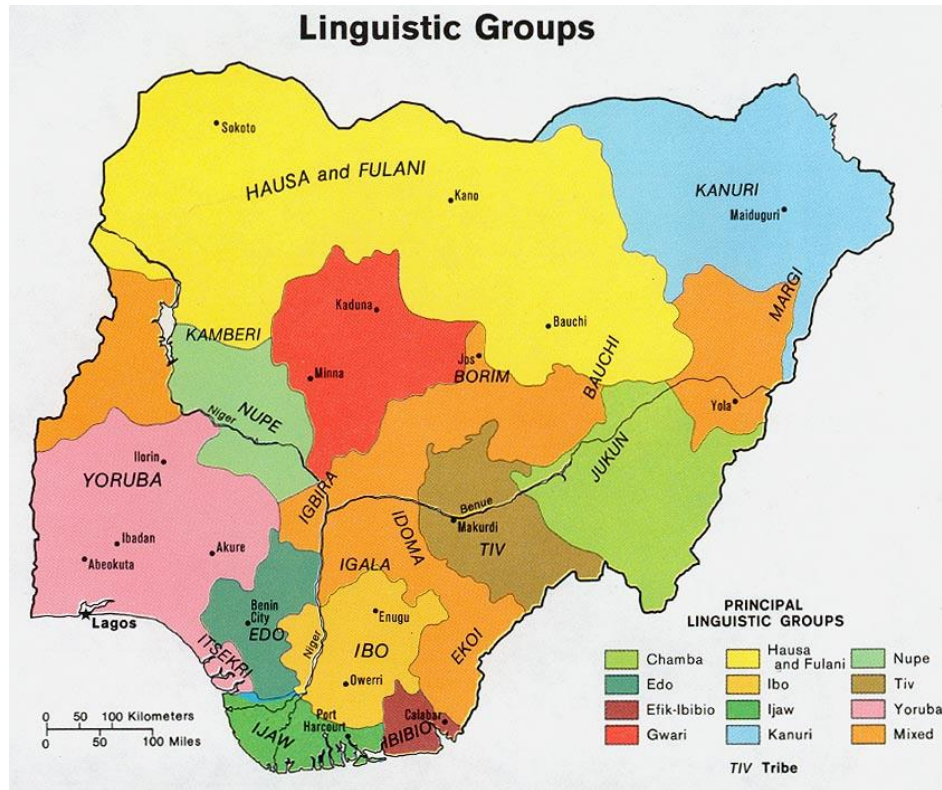


Africa artificially divided by ideology and geography

- John Hanning Speke, “discover” of Lake Victoria
- Posited the existence of a superior “race” in Africa
- the “semi-Shem-Hamatic” master race



Nigeria and Ghana, 1960



Kenya achieves independence in 1963



British abandon plan for “multiracial” constitution that rejects one-person-one vote
After long guerilla war, Kenya achieves independence in 1963
(above: Jomo Kenyatta)

Tanzania achieves independence, 1961

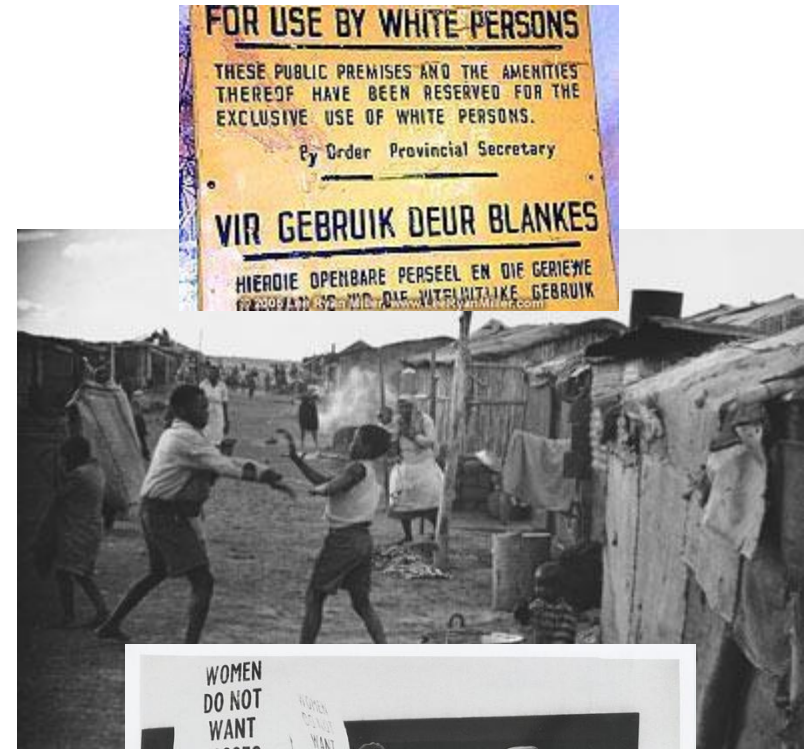


Julius Nyerere
launching a building
project



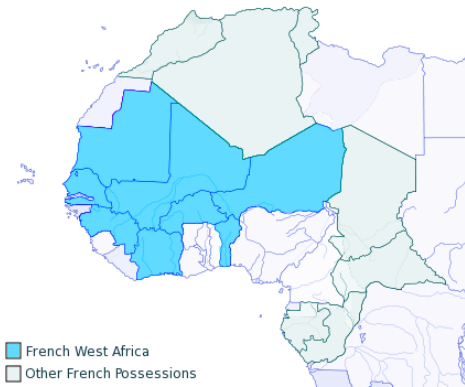
White supremacy in southern Africa

- British attempt to resolve Rhodesia's future depends on South Africa . . .
 - where Apartheid established after 1948
 - Northern Rhodesia becomes Malawi
 - Southern Rhodesia becomes Rhodesia, a white supremacist state



Le Rassemblement Democratique

- The “African Democratic Rally,” a French West African caucus within the French National Assembly
- eventually FWA morphed into Mauritania, Senegal, Mali, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Dahomey, and Niger



Rassemblement caucus members in Paris

Ethiopia and Somalia

- Italy allowed “trusteeship” of Somalia, even after Second World War
- Ethiopia’s Haile Selassie allowed to reoccupy Eritrea, and contested portions of Somalia



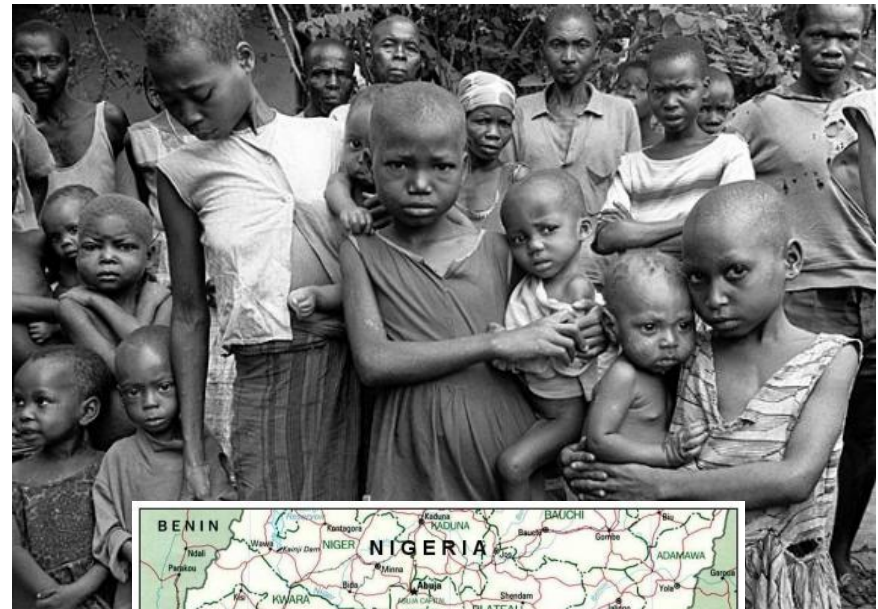
Republic of the Congo

- Granted independence in 1960, but still heavily controlled by Belgian mining interests
- Dissolves into four political factions
- At first nationalist Patrice Lumumba (top right) appeals to United States, but then turns to Soviet Union . . .
- . . . before being murdered by the CIA backed forces of Joseph Mobutu (below right)



Civil War in Nigeria, 1967-1970

- Following Igbo coup against Nigerian government
- military launches huge pogrom against Igbos, who
- flee east and declare new nation of Biafra
- until forced back by a military food quarantine
- 2.5 million perish in conflict, mostly due to starvation





You are not a country, Africa
You are a concept
Fashioned in our minds, each to
each,
To hide our separate fears,
To dream our separate dreams
--Davidson Abioseh Nicol



Great cities of Africa: left to right:
Johannesburg, Abuja,
Mombasa, Asmara