

Pan-Africanism

The drive for African independence had several underlying forces. First, many Africans resented the European presence. Second, the unequal rights under colonialism fueled African desire for self-rule. Europeans regarded Africans as, at best second-class people and almost never as fellow citizens. Europeans exploited African lands. African societies and cultures were belittled and viewed as quaint and inferior oddities. Overall, Africans wanted independence from Europeans and adopted the rallying cry "Africa for Africans".

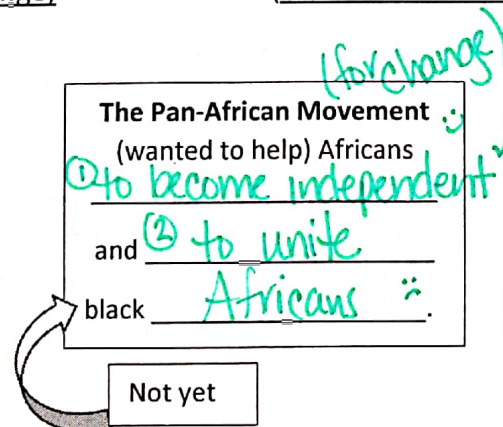
While African nations suffered the negative affects of colonialism, there were also powerful unifying forces at work. The origins of the Pan-African movement can be traced back to early 19th century (1800s) when black intellectuals called for the end of colonialism and African self-rule. Pan-Africanism is the idea that there is a global African community made up of native Africans and the descendants of African slaves and migrants across the world that should be working for African independence, peace and prosperity. The Pan-African movement called for unity among all black people for the betterment of Africa.

The Pan-African movement was important to bringing about the end of colonialism in Africa and to the development of the African Union (AU) because it rallied African nations to work together. Today, the AU works for African unity, peace, human rights, cooperation among African countries, and a thriving economy in Africa. While Pan-Africanism and nationalistic feelings helped end colonialism in Africa, it has done little to unify any African nation, or end the current problems faced by the people of Africa today.

Causes

(What led people to want change)

- Inequality among Africans
- wanted to unify (bring together) black Africans around the world.
- get rid of racism
- Africans wanted to rule themselves (nationalism)



Effects

(After the movement, what were the results)

- brought an end to Colonialism in Africa 😊
- developed (started the African Union (works w/ African countries to make Africa better) 😊
- Didn't solve Africa's problems today 😊
- Didn't unify Africans like they wanted 😊

Continental: Nationalist movements for freedom from European control. (AFRICA SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY AFRICANS)

Diasporic: Wanted a unified African culture around the world. (African descendants around the world, Reggae, Rastafarianism,