

**UNIT 10: CONTEMPORARY CONFLICTS**  
**Reading Guide 63: Contemporary Conflicts in Africa**

**34.3: New Nations in Africa**

- **Objective A: Identify factors affecting the success of African independence efforts.**
  1. How did World War II affect the European colonization of Africa?
  2. How would indirect rule better prepare a nation for independence than direct rule?
  3. What challenges did most new African nations face?
  
- **Objective B: Describe the independence of Ghana, Kenya, and Algeria.**
  4. What was Ghana's greatest challenge after receiving independence?
  5. Why were the British willing to let Ghana go, but not Kenya?
  6. How might unemployment in Algeria lead to the rise of Islamic fundamentalism?
  
- **Objective C: Explain civil wars and independence struggles in Congo and Angola.**
  7. Why did independence result in greater upheaval in Congo than in some other African nations?
  8. How did Angola serve as a hot spot of the Cold War?
  9. Describe what happened during the Rwandan genocide.

### 35.2: The Challenge of Democracy in Africa

- **Objective A: Explain Africa's legacy of colonialism.**

10. How did European colonial boundaries create challenges for the newly independent nations of Africa?

11. How did European economic policies leave new African nations unprepared to create stable democracies?

- **Objective B: Describe Nigeria's civil war and events in Nigeria since 1970.**

12. Discuss how ethnic tensions led to the Nigerian Civil War of 1963-1970.

13. Why might ethnic identity in Nigeria be more important than national identity?

14. Is canceling debts incurred by nations such as Nigeria a good idea?

- **Objective C: Trace the history of white rule in South Africa and the change to democracy.**

15. Discuss the development of South African apartheid and reserves.

16. Why didn't South Africa's black majority use its greater numbers to overpower the white minority?

17. Discuss the people and steps which ended apartheid.

18. What challenges did Mbeki face when he took office in 1999? What is perhaps the greatest challenge to South Africa today?