

Berlin Conference Preparation

X - Use of Sources	I have some success.	I can access a variety of sources in print and electronically. I know where to find a variety of sources, or where to get help finding them and I can determine whether a source is reliable. I can also recall specific vocabulary.	I can use a variety of reliable sources to collect evidence on the research question.	Additionally, I can critique the values of various sources used and evaluate whether the sources used created the strongest possible product.
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H - Engagement	I do not participate.	I passively participate. I follow directions most of the time and sometimes take positive risks. I am willing to be a member of a group and am respectful most of the time.	I actively participate in classroom activities and discussions. I follow directions and take positive risks. I collaborate as needed and am respectful of others and myself	I actively participate and provide further insights into activities and discussions. I follow directions and take positive risks. I collaborate and take a leadership role when appropriate. I encourage and model respectful behavior to others.
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The Berlin Conference occurred in 1884-1885 as a way to divide up Africa among the European powers. You are assigned a country to research and represent at the conference. To be prepared, you need to answer the questions below.

Country: _____

1. What areas in Africa does your country controlled before the Berlin Conference (1884)? (You can describe these on a map, and describing the general areas as well.)

2. What are the reasons that your country wants to control these areas? (Some examples of reasons are: trade routes, natural resources, competition with other nations, access to other places in Africa, historical links, and desire to expand to overseas markets - sell your goods to other people. Don't just pick randomly. You need to find out what your country really though.)

3. What is happening in their country in the 1860s and 1870s in the following categories:

- Is your country a new country? If so, when did you become a country?
- What type of government do you have?
- What type of relationship do you have with other countries in Europe?
- Who are your political and military allies in Europe?
- Do you have a strong navy or army? Be clear about your actual military strength, especially relative to other European countries.
- How strong is your economy? Are you industrializing? What are the main industries? Are your cities growing quickly?

- Do you have a lot of natural resources in your country? What are your natural resources?

- Do you need any other natural resources?

- How happy is your population? (Are there riots, protests, or uprisings?)

4. What other territories around the world does your country control before the Berlin Conference?