**TASK**

You are a member of a delegation representing your nation at the Berlin Conference. Your delegation must create a new boundary system for the entire continent of Africa. To complete this task, you will create a document containing your nation's position on the adjustment of the African boundaries and a resolution to the issue. You will also create an original map depicting your new Africa. Each delegate must "wear several hats" while researching and preparing for the conference:

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| **Delegate Responsibilities & Areas of Attention** | |
| Economist  Arable land  Physical landscape  Access to water  Mineral wealth  Trade | **Anthropologist**  Language  Religion  Ethnicity  Tribes/kingdoms  History |
| **Political Scientist**  Balance of power  Government types  Border structure (e.g. shape)  Neighboring states  Foreign interests | **Speaker**  Present information in the character as a representative of the country  Participate in all caucuses  Be prepareed |

Your first responsibility is to research your assigned country; there are several linksprovided on this site to get you started. This will allow you to represent your assigned nation intelligently, and to act “in character” even when specific information about a topic may not be available (e.g. what type of government exists in your country? What types of problems have occurred in your country's past that could have been prevented?).

Secondly, you must familiarize yourself with the continent of Africa through [**resources**](http://teacherweb.ftl.pinecrest.edu/snyderd/MWH/Projects/MUN-BC#r), maps, and data, not just information on your assigned country. You must then establish criteria by which you will prioritize the delimitation of the boundaries of Africa. There are many priorities you may consider - language, religion, access to major oceans, seas, or rivers (prevent landlocked states as much as possible), cultures/established tribal kingdoms, population (density & total), mineral access & arable land, physical landscape, etc... As you can see, you have quite a responsibility on your hands.

When you have gathered enough data and maps, and have established the underlying criteria and philosophies guiding your country's decisions, you are then ready to construct your position paper and proposed resolution.

**TO SUMMARIZE**

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| The basic steps you and your fellow delegates must complete: | |
|  | · ***Designate*** the duties of all delegates in your group - economist, anthropologist, political scientist, and speaker. |
|  | · ***Research*** the essentials of the Berlin Conference, your respective nation, and the general goals and inclinations of ALL other delegations. |
|  | · ***Analyze*** maps and data to familiarize yourself with the African continent. |
|  | · ***Establish*** a hierarchy of priorities by which you will create an original boundary system for Africa (e.g., kingdoms, access to water and minerals, language, religion, etc.). |
|  | · ***Create*** a position paper articulating your nation's goals and priorities with respect to the issue of establishing the boundaries of Africa. |
|  | · ***Include*** a section describing the amount of work each individual had contributed to the overall project. |
|  | · ***Submit*** your Rules and Request forms, and map to your instructor (make at least one additional copy for your delegation). |
|  | · ***Participate*** in the Model Berlin Conference. |
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