Berlin Conference Simulation

Group 1: Group 2: Group 3: Group 4: Group 5:
Berlin Conference

• The Year in 1889 and the Chancellor of Germany (Otto von Bismarck) has called together the leaders of Europe to divide Africa among the world powers
Your Job

• You will be acting as a representative for your country and you will be negotiating with other representatives to try to get support for you taking over a particular area of land
  – Group 1 – Great Britain
  – Group 2 – France
  – Group 3 – Germany
  – Group 4 – Belgium
  – Group 5 – United States
Roles

• Each group will need a Head Representative who will be responsible for handing in their countries “orders” at the end of each turn
  – Only the Head Representative can do so
  – Each turn will last approximately 5 min
Rules

• In every deal countries must get support from other countries who would allow them to take over a certain area
  – The bigger the country = more support points = easier to take over a country
  • Not enough support and the deal fails
• In deals between countries no more than 3 African territories can be transferred per turn
How you will be graded

• Participation
  – During the activity you will be expected to be helping in some way or another
    • Negotiating with other countries to make deals
    • Working with maps to figure out which

• Countries’ success
  – Country needs to be at least semi-successful in taking over what it needs to
    • As laid out in your scripts

• Reflection
  – Written reflection to today’s activity to be completed at end of game.
Lets Go!
Reflection

1. What made it difficult for your country to accomplish its goals?
   – Do you think you were successful in completing your goals? Why or why not?

2. How did you consider the following factors when deciding which territories to take over?
   – Geography
   – Other power’s ambitions
   – The Native inhabitants of Africa

3. Knowing that this is how Africa was divided among European powers what potential troubles do you foresee in the future because of the process of imperialism?
How it should have looked