Africa Worksheet

Warm Up:

What is *Ethnocentrism?* What might be an example of this?

What is the difference between Ethnocentrism and Racism?

“Diverse Societies in Africa”

* 1. How were history and culture preserved in African societies?
  2. List the 4 vegetation types.
  3. Name the main source of info about early African cultures.
  4. Compare the African iron age with the iron ages of other regions.

“Shape of Africa” Jared Diamond

1. What is Diamond's theory as to why Africa was/is often behind the development of the rest of the world?
2. Find two quotes in the reading that support your answer and put them below.
3. What holes exist in Diamond’s theory of Africa? What is he not accounting for?

*Guns, Germs, and Steel* Episode 3 Viewing Guide

1. Europeans were able to develop guns, germs, and steel to help them conquer the world. What does Diamond think helped them the most in developing those factors?

1. Why were Europeans successful on the South African cape? How was it similar to back home?

1. Why did people in the African cape and Americas struggle so much with the germs that the Europeans brought?

1. How did the indigenous Africans eventually protect themselves from the germs causing Smallpox and Malaria?
2. Smallpox:

1. Malaria:

1. What is the number one public health problem in Zambia? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How has this problem affected the poverty level in Zambia?

1. How have other countries such as Malaysia and Singapore developed rich economies despite having many of the same geographic problems faced by African nations?

*Guns, Germs, and Steel* Debrief

1. How did Diamond apply his theory to Africa?
2. Why were they less developed?
3. Why were they conquered?
4. What part of his theory did not manifest as usual in Africa?