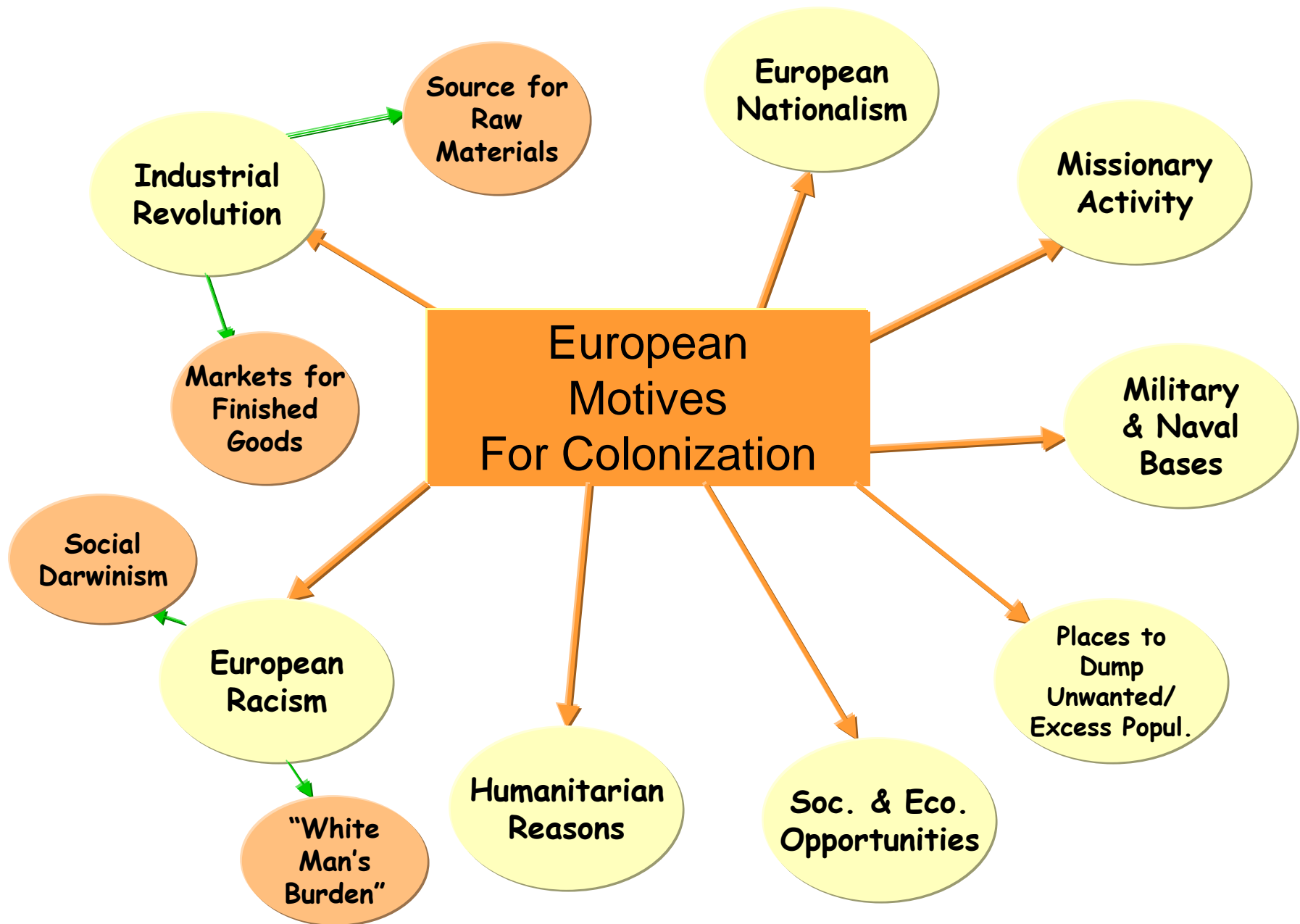
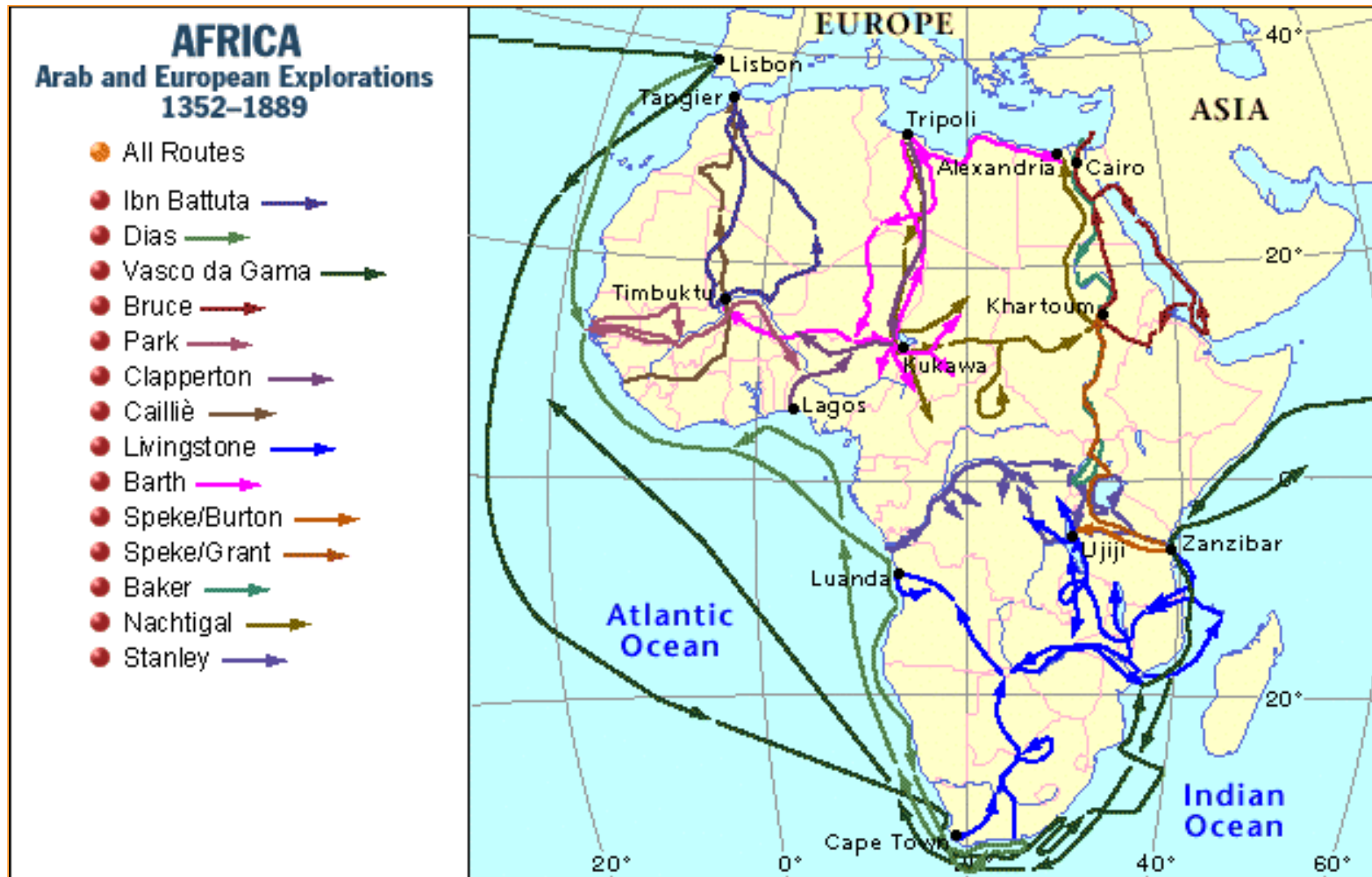


Lecture 25

King Leopold's Ghost



European Explorers in Africa



19c → Europeans Map the Interior of Africa

Scramble for Africa

- 1880—90% of Africa ruled by Africans
- 1900—almost all ruled by Europeans
- 1884—Berlin West Africa Conference—
Africa carved up by diplomats to prevent
European war over spoils of conquest
- Brutality characterized the so-called
“civilizing mission”

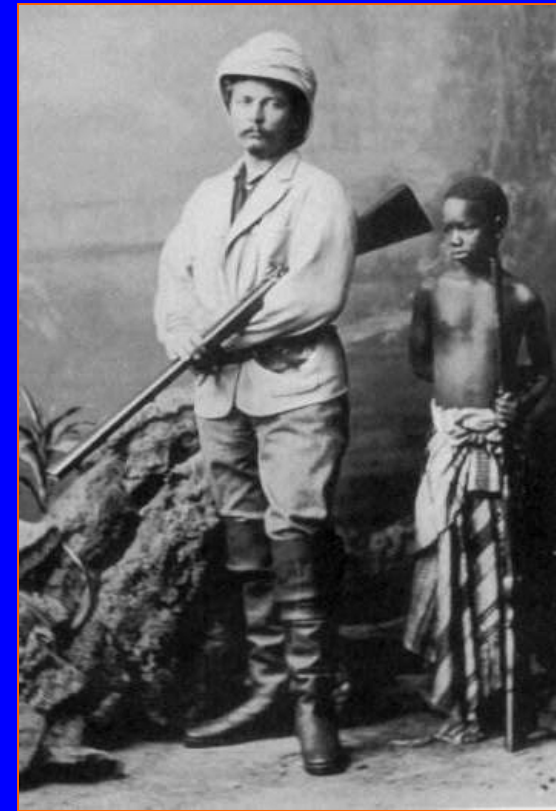
Where Is Dr. Livingstone?



Doctor
Livingstone,
I Presume?



Dr. David Livingstone

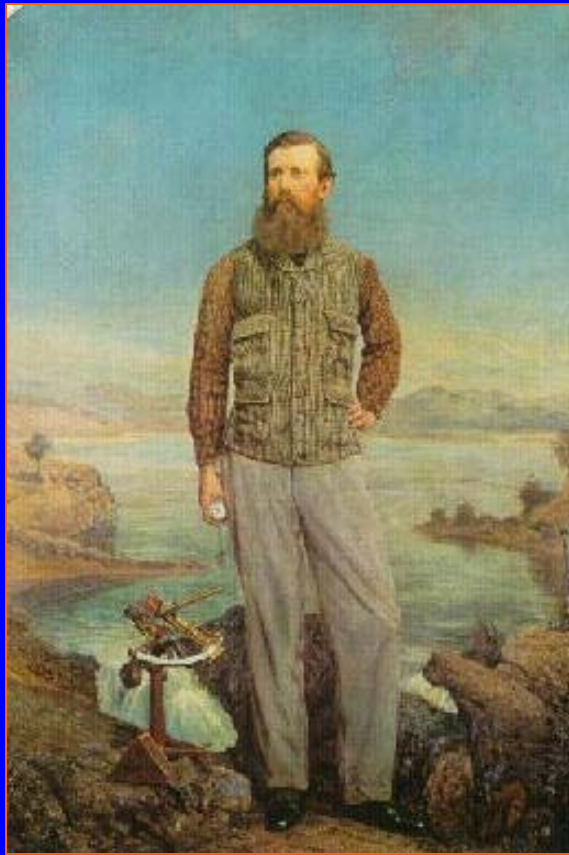


Sir Henry Morton
Stanley

European Explorations in mid-19c: "The Scramble for Africa"



What is the Source of the Nile?

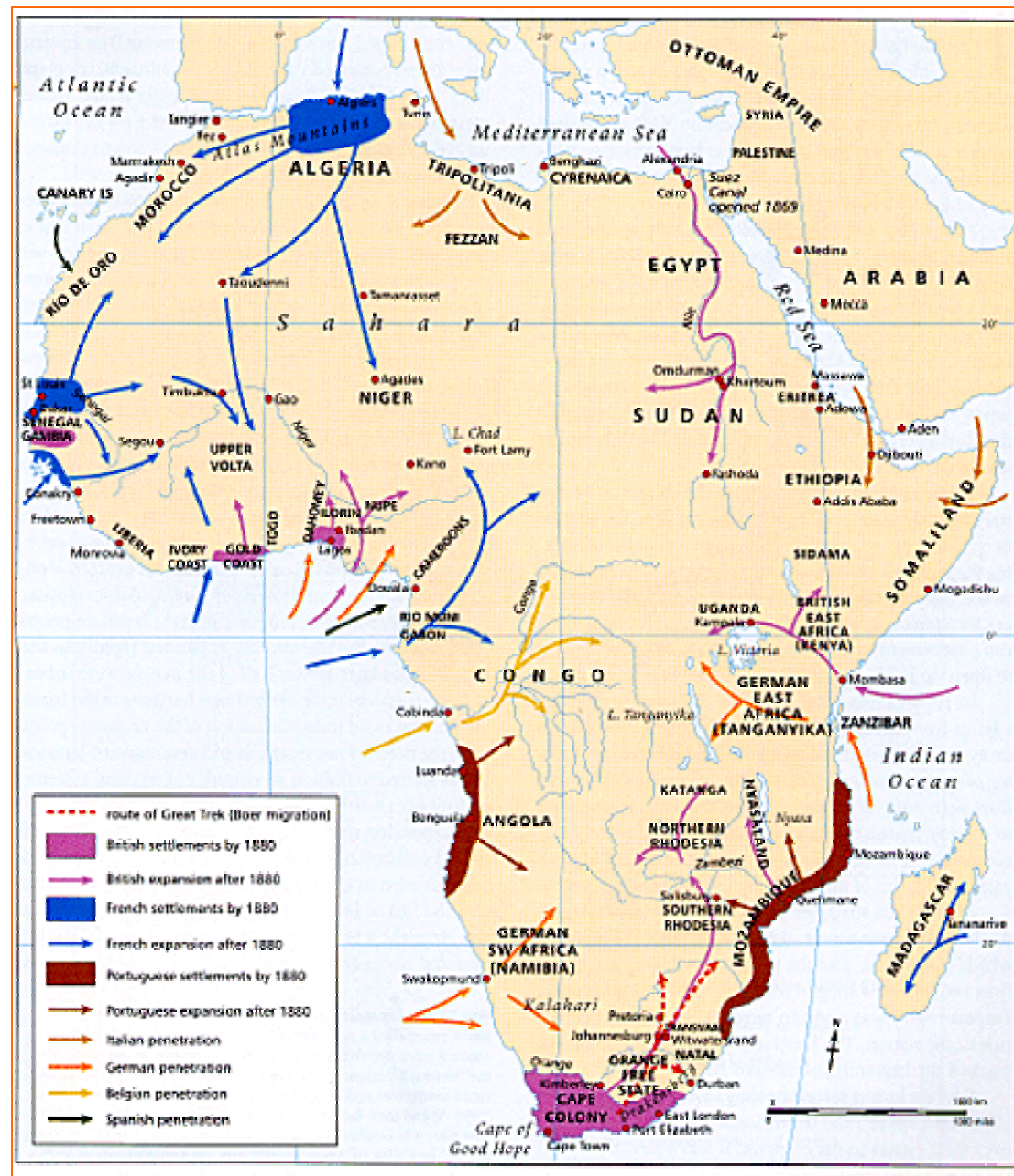


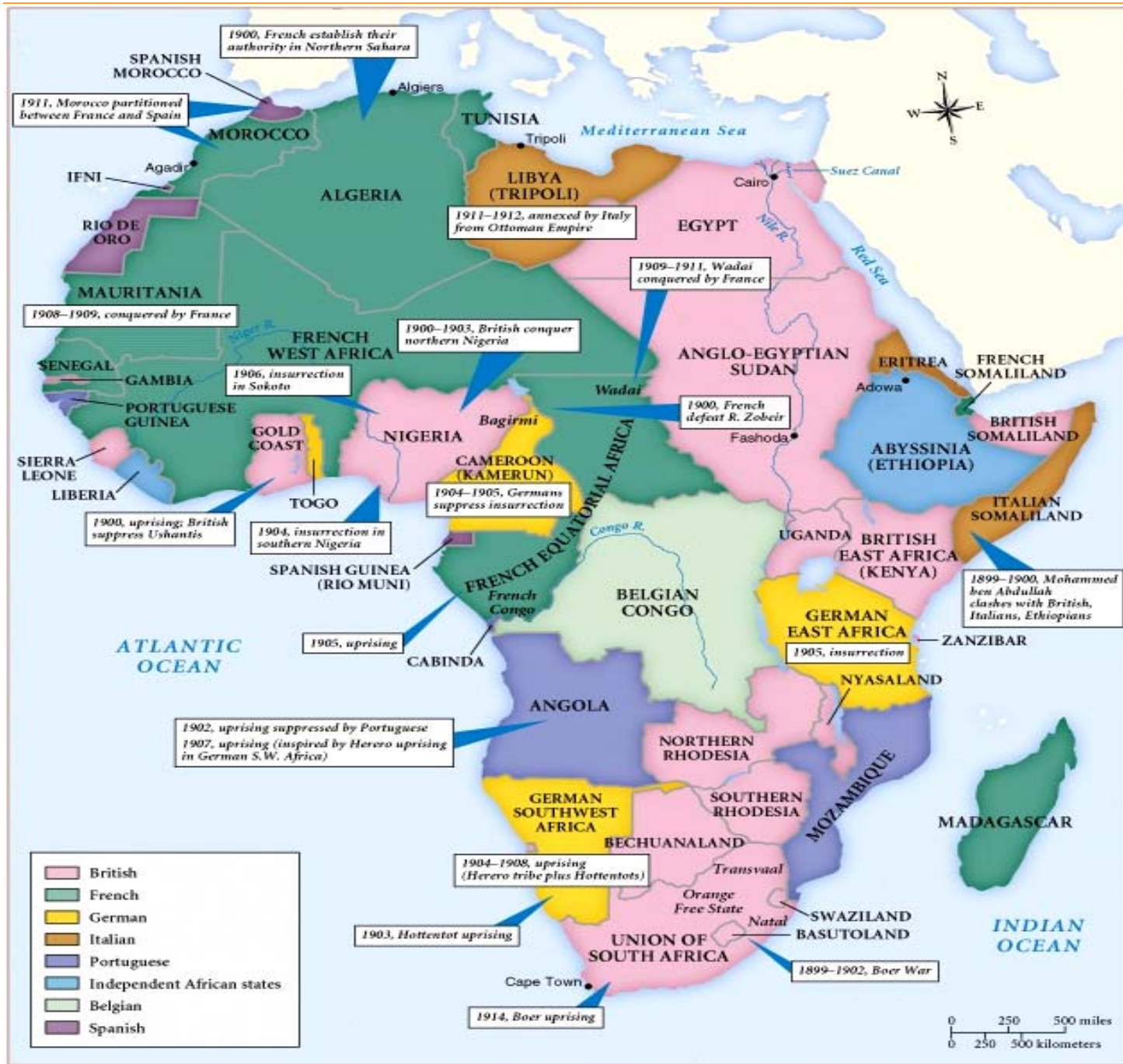
John Speke



Sir Richard Burton

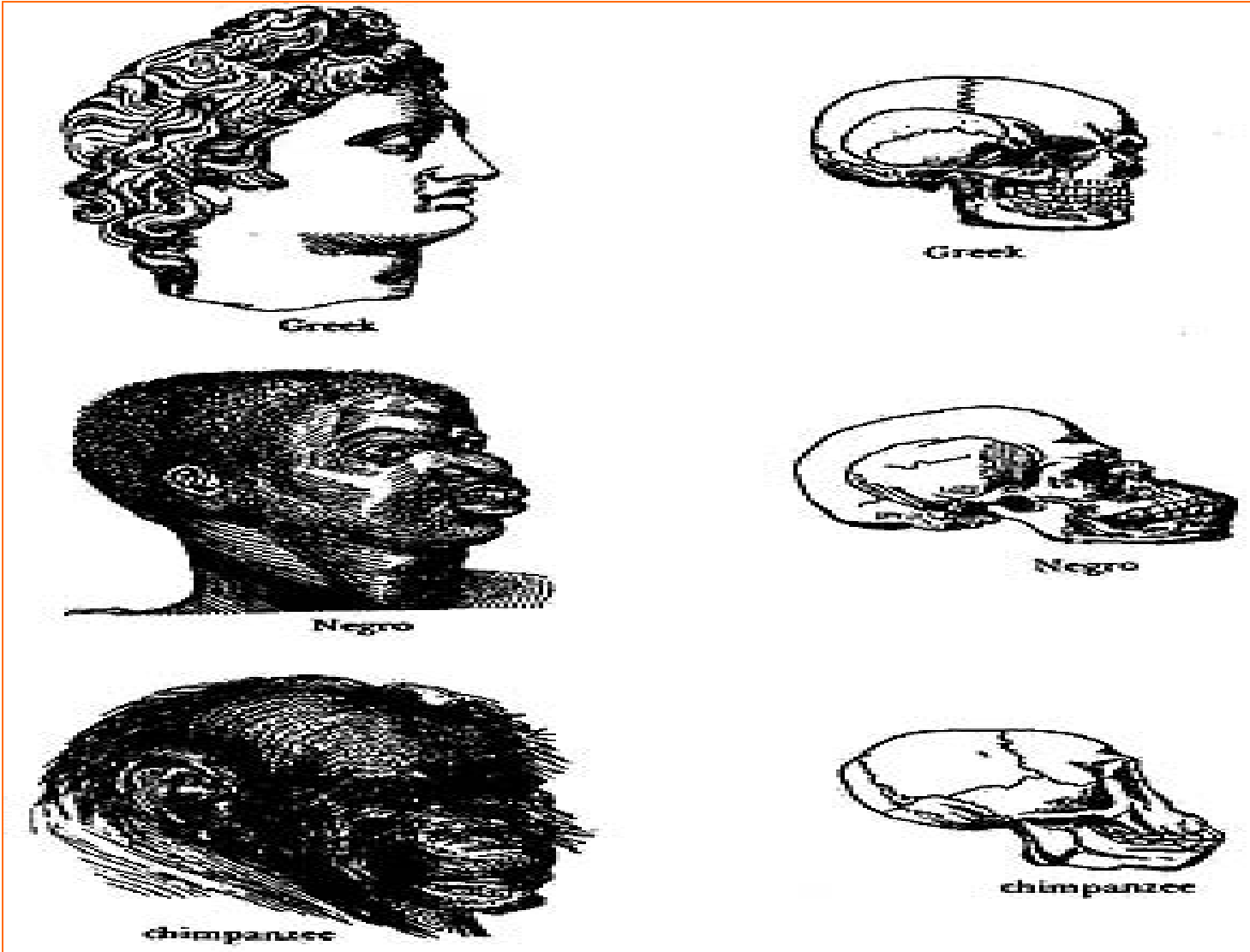
Africa in the 1880s



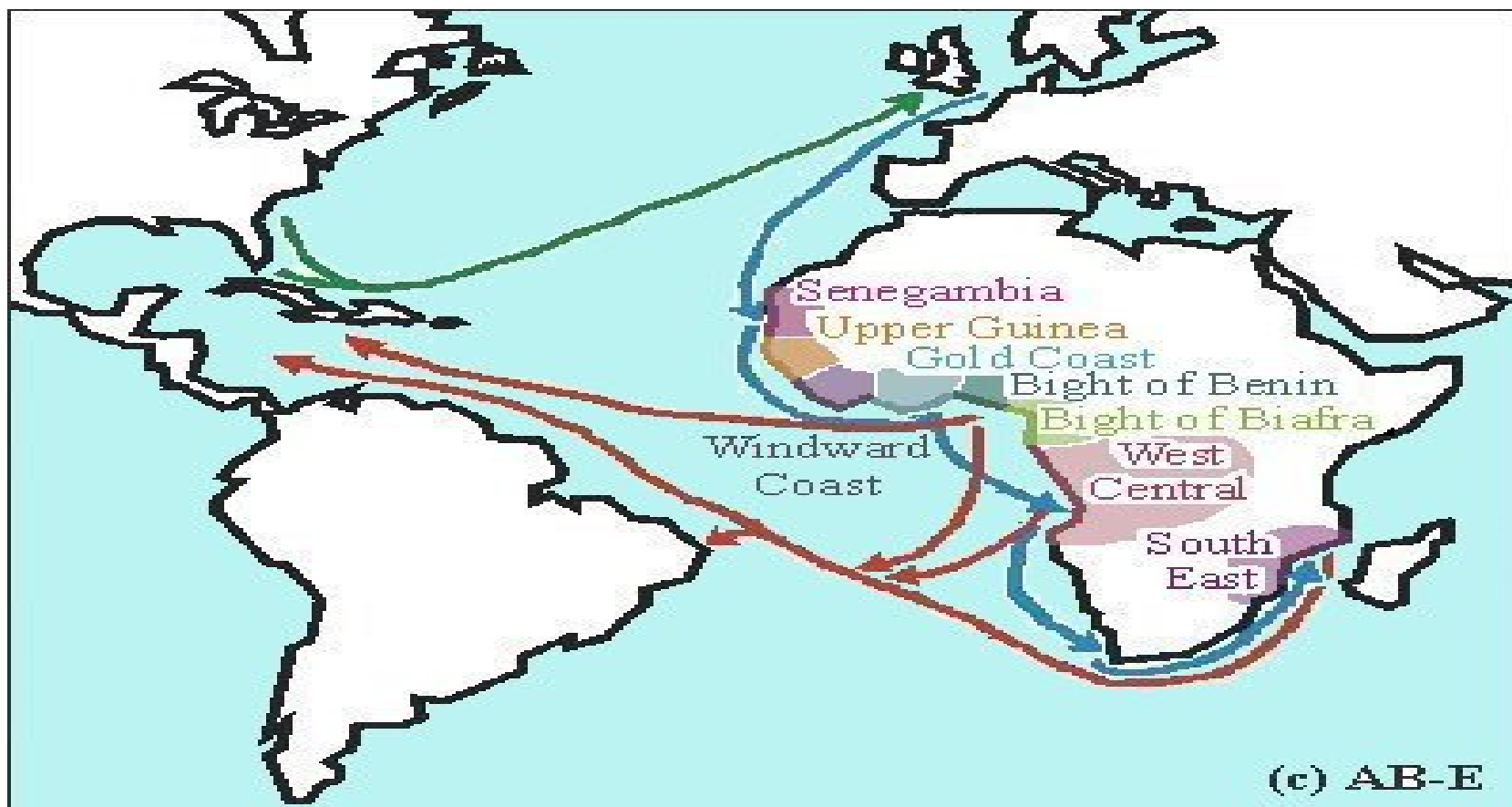


Africa in 1914

Social Darwinism



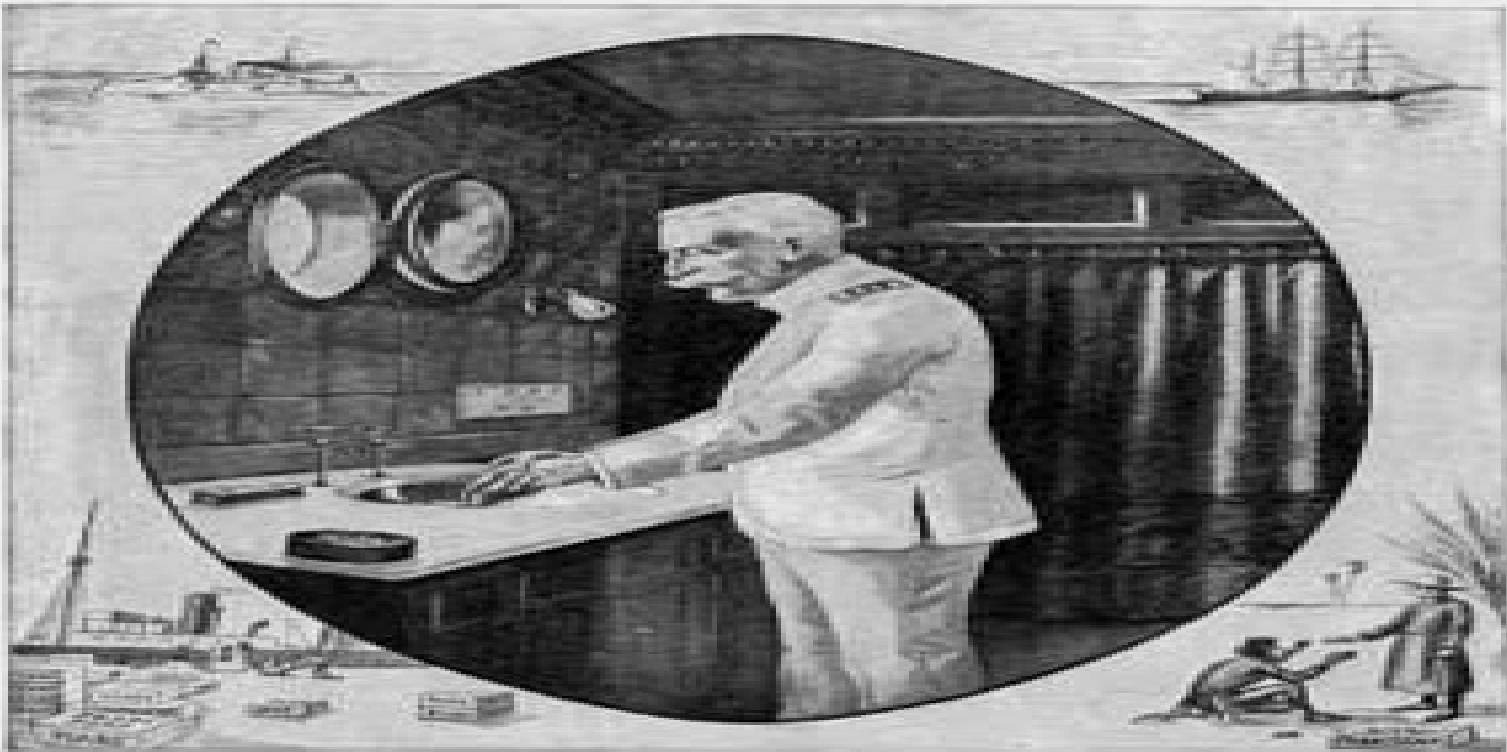
Slave Routes



Total Africans Kidnapped into slavery and where they were taken

- 1650-1700 497,500
 - 1700-1750 2,261,600
 - 1750-1800 3,828,100
 - 1800-1850 3,186,800
 - 1850-1900 231,700
 - Total 10,005,700
- Brazil 35.4%
 - Sp. Emp. 22.1%
 - Br. Indies 17.7%
 - Br. N. Am. 4.4%

The "White Man's Burden"?

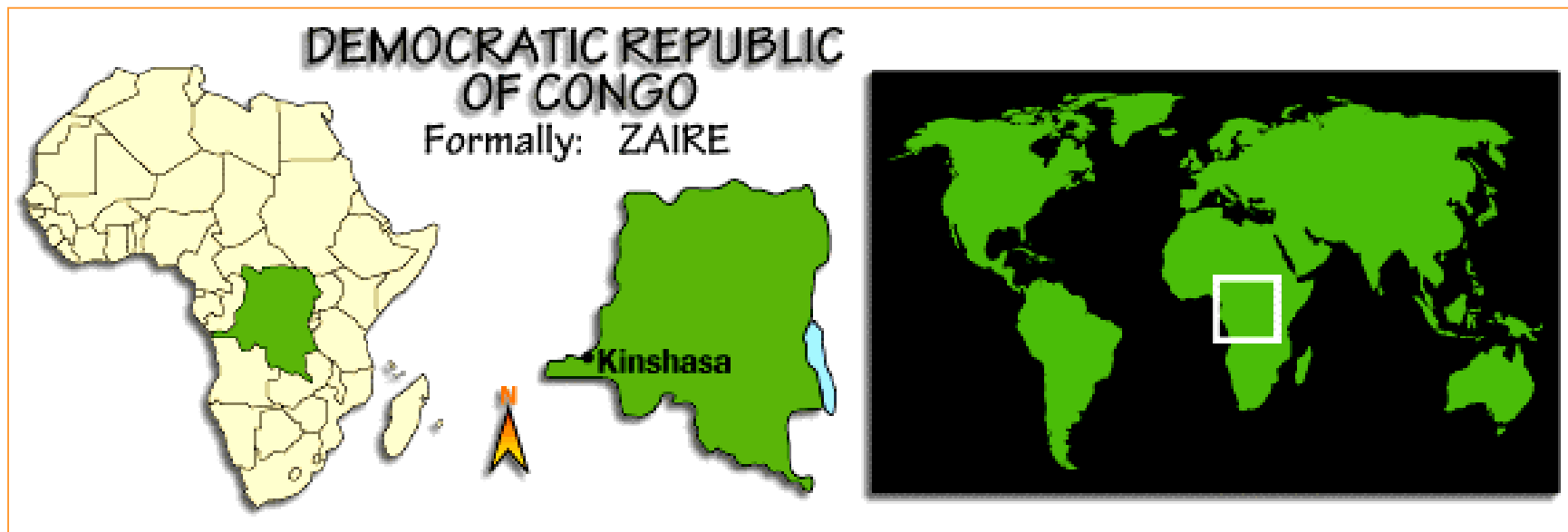


The first step towards lightening
The White Man's Burden
is through teaching the virtues of cleanliness.

Pears' Soap

is a potent factor in brightening the dark corners of the earth as civilization advances, while amongst the cultured of all nations it holds the highest place—it is the ideal toilet soap.

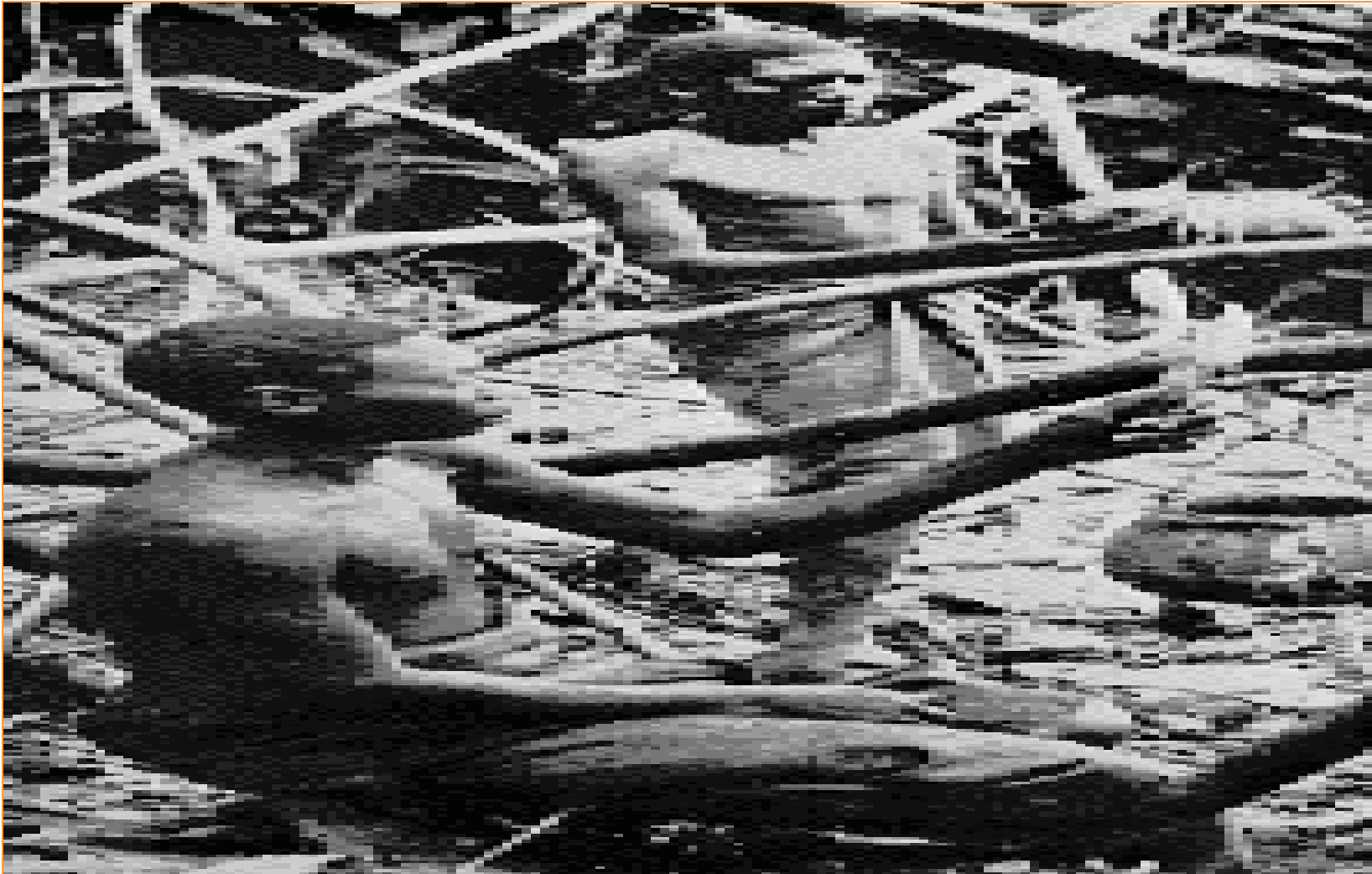
The Congo Free State or The Belgian Congo



King Leopold II: (r. 1865 - 1909)

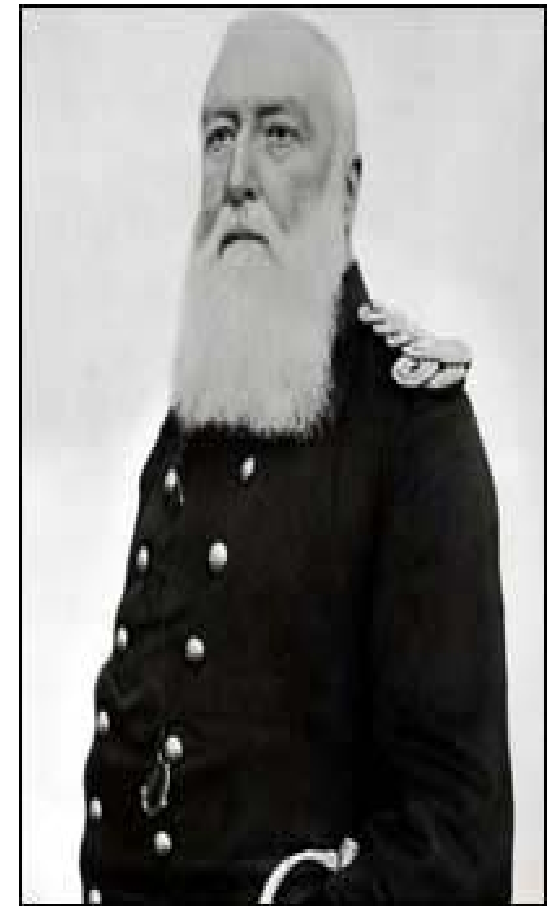


Harvesting Rubber



Leopold II and the Congo

- Rationale: protect Africans from Arab slave traders, convert Congolese to Christianity, and to bestow blessing of capitalism
- Reality: Congo Free State was labor camp; rape and torture were routine; rubber quotas were imposed and workers failing to meet them had their hands chopped off

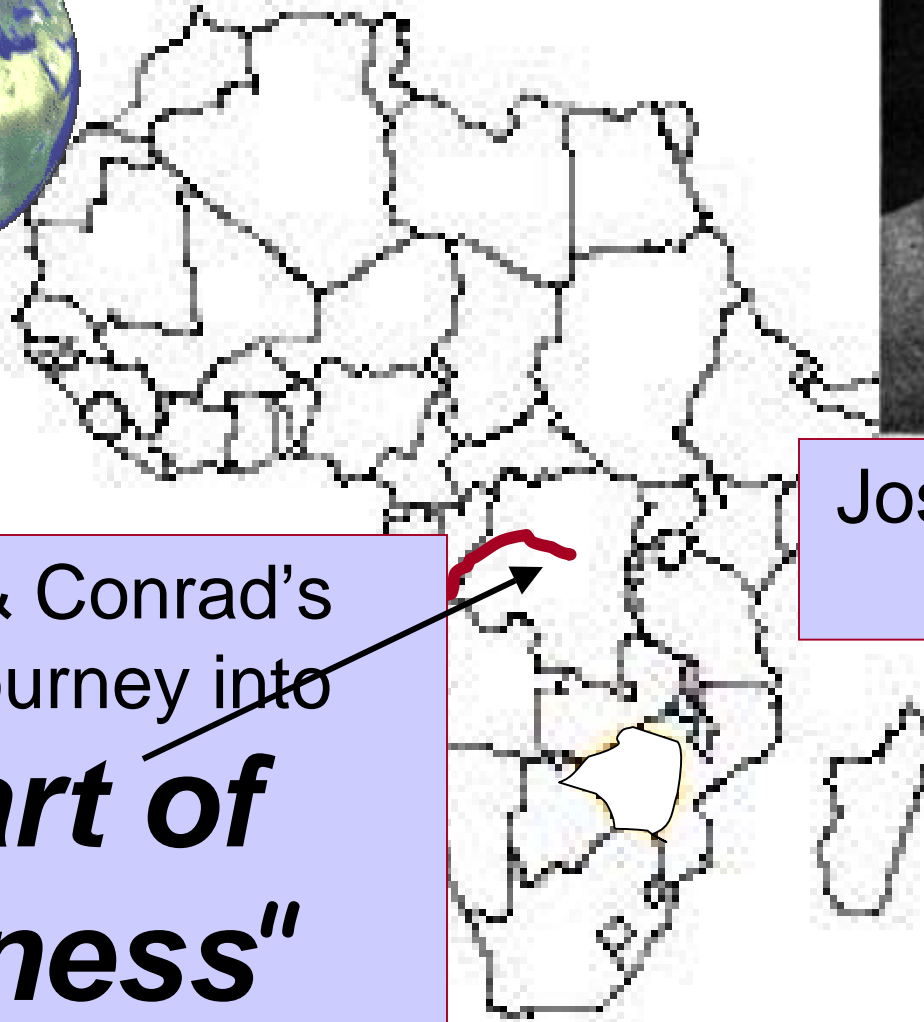
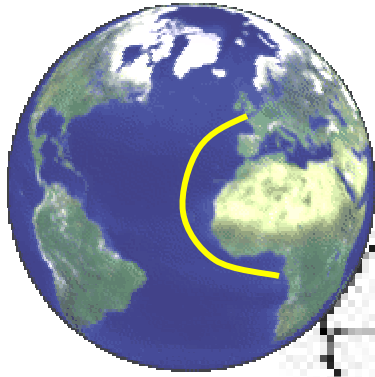


Beneficiary of Civilization?





Chained Congolese Women.

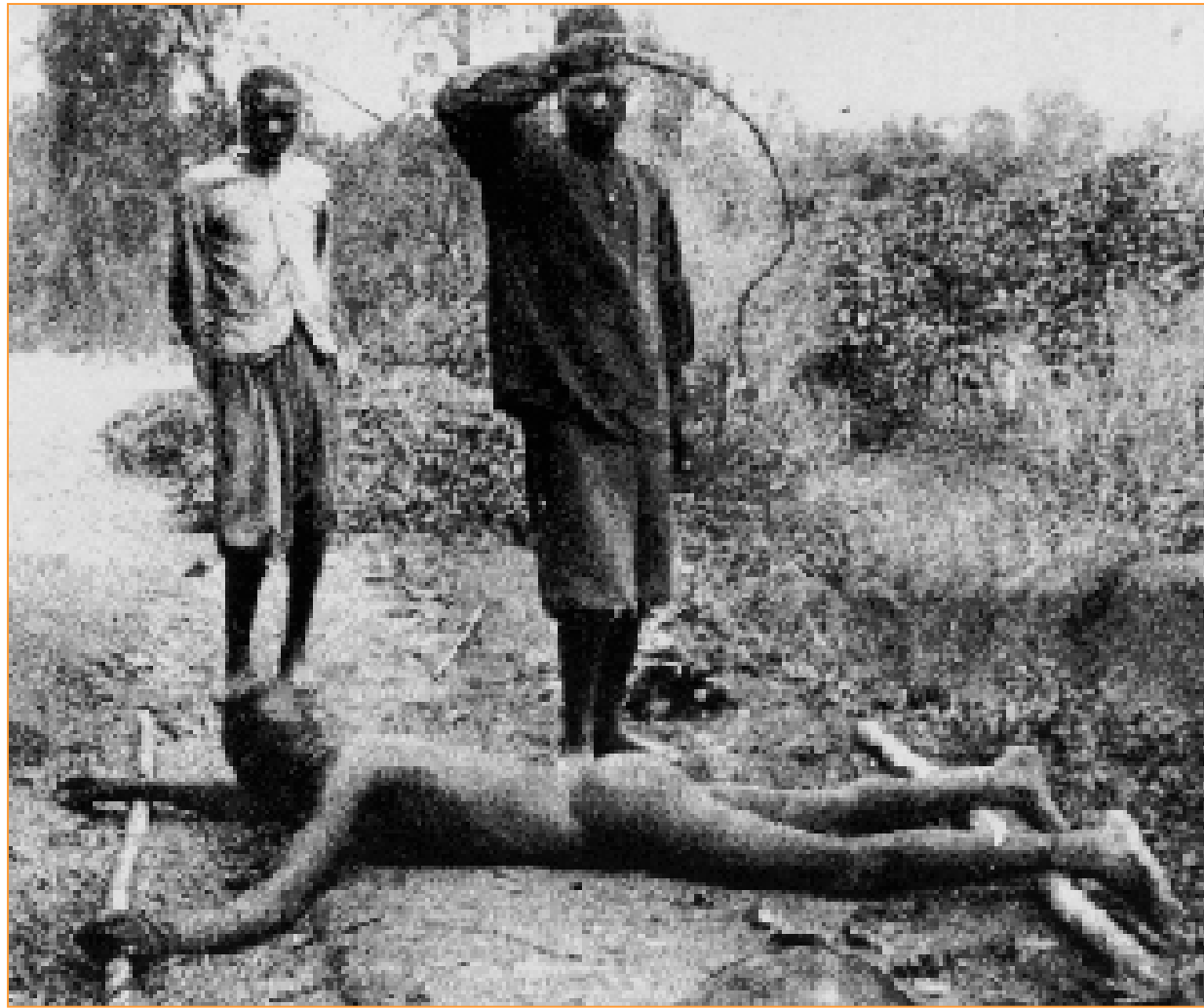


Joseph Conrad
(1857-1914)

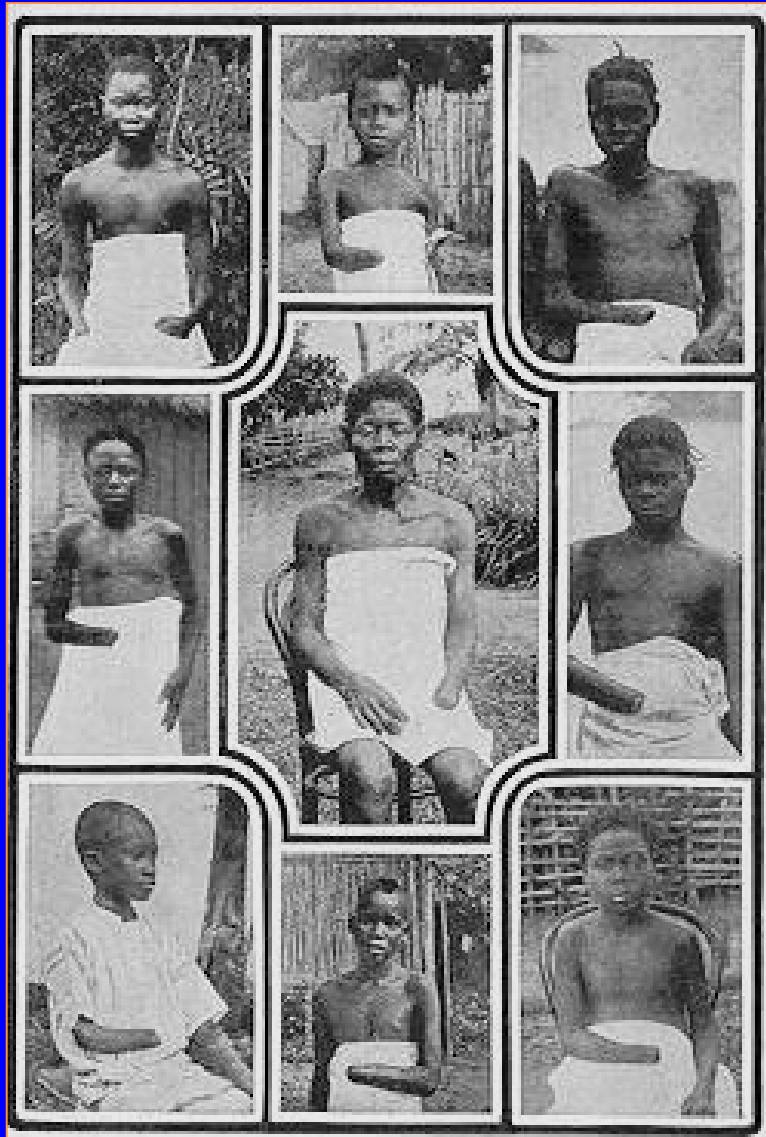
Marlow's & Conrad's
1889-90 journey into

***"Heart of
Darkness"***

Punishing "Lazy" Workers



5-8 Million Victims! (50% of Popul.)



It is blood-curdling to see them (the soldiers) returning with the hands of the slain, and to find the hands of young children amongst the bigger ones evidencing their bravery... The rubber from this district has cost hundreds of lives, and the scenes I have witnessed, while unable to help the oppressed, have been almost enough to make me wish I were dead... This rubber traffic is steeped in blood, and if the natives were to rise and sweep every white person on the Upper Congo into eternity, there would still be left a fearful balance to their credit. -- Belgian Official

Belgium's Stranglehold on the Congo

