

Cold War in Africa with Jonathan Reynolds

Context on source: Jonathan Reynolds is a professor of African history at Northern Kentucky University and the president of the World History Association.

Questions

1. What are the five notions of Africa?
2. What should we all know about Africa after independence?
3. "Gaining independence during the Cold War was like getting your driver's license in the middle of a demolition derby." What does this mean?
4. How did the Cold War benefit some African countries?
5. How did it hurt some African countries?
6. Did it actually have any impact on the everyday life of Africans?
7. Why is it important to understand Africa in that period from independence to today?

Reflection Questions

1. Which aspect of the conversation did you find most interesting? Important? Surprising?