

Modern-Day Problems in Africa Project

You will work with a “team” partner (or a “team” of 3) and research one of the following problems found in Africa today:

1. AIDS/HIV in Africa
2. Nigeria, Oil, & Economic Unrest
3. Liberia & Civil War
4. The Darfur Region of the Sudan
5. Genocide in Rwanda
6. One-man rule in Zimbabwe [Robert Mugabe]
7. Is South Africa Truly Democratic Today?
8. Famine in Ethiopia

Your research will result in a class presentation of about 8-10 minutes (each team member will do part of the presentation). This presentation must include the following:

- ◆ Identify the problem and its scope [depth, intensity, duration, etc.]
- ◆ A brief history of the problem [the last 10 years or so is sufficient], including the causes of the problem.
- ◆ What were the other African countries or the global community’s reactions to the problem?
- ◆ What solution(s) have been proposed [and how successful are they?]

Your team can use PowerPoint [at least 15 slides] or a series of posters and other visuals to assist you in your presentation. Every team must also create a one-page fact sheet of the most important information [in the form a brochure/flyer] about your topic and print enough copies to hand out to everyone in the class and one for me [KLM-12 copies; QRS-18 copies].

This project will be worth **50 points** and will be graded based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Accuracy of the facts and historical data.
- ✓ Organization of the material.
- ✓ Good, clear visuals.
- ✓ Useable and readable flyer/brochure [no spelling/typo/grammar errors!!!]
- ✓ The presentation itself [poise, confidence, clarity of each presenter; clear speech; command of the facts].
- ✓ Are all four items listed above present?

You should start your research by going to my web site [Africa-Current Issues or Africa-Modern History sections] and then doing a Google-search for the most current information on your topic. BBC News is a very good source for current issues in the non-Western world. Also, check out some African newspapers [there’s a link, “Africa Daily,” on my main Africa page under “General Resources”].