Pan-African Movement
A Brief Overview
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What is Pan-Africanism?

- Movement dedicated to establishing independence for African nations
- And unity for black throughout the world
- Originated with conferences in London
  - 1900, 1919, 1921, 1923
- First truly intergovernmental conference held in 1958 (Ghana)
What is the origin (beginning/start) of Pan-Africanism?

- Early 19th century (1800’s) when black intellectuals called for the end of colonialism and African self-rule
- Spread across Africa and the world during the twentieth century (1900’s)
What caused the drive for Independence?

- Many Africans resented the European presence
- The unequal rights under colonialism fueled African desire for self-rule.
- Europeans regarded Africans as second-class citizens
- Europeans exploited African lands
- African societies and cultures were belittled and viewed as quaint and inferior oddities
Overall…

- Africans wanted independence from Europeans and adopted the rallying cry “African for Africans”
What are the results of Pan-Africanism?

- Brought about the end of colonialism in Africa
- Development of the African Union (AU) which rallied African nations to work together
Did it work?

- While Pan-Africanism and nationalistic feelings helped to end colonialism in Africa, it has done little to unify any particular African nation or end the current problems faced by the people of Africa today.
What does the AU do today?

- The AU works for African unity, peace, human rights, cooperation among African countries, and a thriving economy in Africa