




Slide 4

**The French Empire**

- **GEOGRAPHY**
  - Second in size to the British empire – 4,500,000 sq. mi.
  - **Africa** – Algeria, Equatorial Africa, the French Cameroons, Morocco, Tunis, West Africa
  - **Asia** – Indo-China
  - **Americas** – French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique
  - **Pacific** – New Caledonia, New Hebrides



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Slide 5

**The French Empire**

- **French Community – Communauté française**
  - Established in the constitution of the Fifth Republic (1958)
  - Nations independent in 1960 – organization defunct by 1970s
- **Morocco**
  - 1953 – France deposed the sultan
  - 1955 – sultan returned to power
  - 1956 – independent
- **Tunisia**
  - 1955 – granted self-government
  - 1956 – independent
  - 1957 – became a republic

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Slide 6

**The French Empire**

- **Indo-China**
  - Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam
  - Guerrilla warfare waged by communist-backed nationalists
  - 1950 – self-rule
  - 1955 – Cambodia and Laos withdrew from French Union
  - 1955 – Vietnam divided at 17° parallel
    - **North – communist – led by Ho Chi Minh**
    - **1959-1975 – Vietnam War**
      - Fought between North Vietnam (Vietcong with Chinese support) and South Vietnam (backed by United States and Members of SEATO)
    - **Today – one united country – Vietnam**

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Slide 7

**The French Empire**

- **Algeria**
  - 1954-1962 – fought for independence
  - March, 1962 – cease-fire
  - July, 1962 – independent
- **French Guinea**
  - 1958 – voted for its independence and joined the U.N.
- **Togoland and Cameroon**
  - France held trusteeships from League of Nations (after WWI) and United Nations (after WWII)
  - Independent in 1960
  - Did not join the French Community
  - Joined the United Nations
- **Malagasy and Mali**
  - 1960 – free states
  - Joined the soon-defunct French Community

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Slide 8

**The Italian Empire**

- **Libya**
  - Won from Turkey by war in 1912
  - Independent, 1951
- **Ethiopia**
  - Conquered, 1936
  - Independent, 1941
- **Eritrea**
  - 1890 – acquired as an Italian colony
  - 1941-1951 – controlled by the British under United Nations mandate
  - 1962 – officially annexed by Ethiopia
  - 1993 – independent country
- **Somaliland**
  - 1889 and on – acquired by treaties
  - After World War II – United Nations trusteeship
  - 1960 – independent as Somalia

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Slide 9

**Results of Imperialism: For the “Mother” Country**

Positives/Pros	Negatives/Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased industrial productivity from investments</li> <li>• Profits from trade</li> <li>• New drugs (e.g., quinine) and products from colonies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wars – against both natives and competing imperial powers</li> <li>• Expense of maintaining large military and naval forces</li> <li>• Hatred and resentment from native peoples</li> </ul>

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Slide 10

Results of Imperialism: For the Colonized	
Positives/Pros	Negatives/Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Natural resources developed</li><li>Industrialization</li><li>Raised standards of living</li><li>Improvements in education, medical care, and sanitation</li><li>Nationalism developed</li><li>Exposure to new ideas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Natural resources developed for benefit of mother country</li><li>Native labor poorly paid and often mistreated</li><li>Destruction of native cultures and languages</li><li>Western diseases, vices, and other problems</li><li>Racism</li><li>Discouragement of native industries that might compete with the imperial power</li><li>Lack of self-government and democracy</li></ul>

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Slide 11

Review Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What company controlled the Dutch East Indies prior to 1800?</li><li>What sparked the movement for Indonesian independence?</li><li>What European country controlled the world's second-largest empire?</li><li>Summarize the events of the Vietnam War.</li></ul>

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Slide 12

Review Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe the colonization and independence of Ethiopia and Eritrea.</li><li>Describe the pros and cons of imperialism for an imperial power.</li><li>Describe the pros and cons of imperialism for a colonized nation.</li><li>Many now-independent colonies hold deep resentment toward their former imperial powers, while others have close working relationships (particularly members of the Commonwealth). How might you explain these different attitudes and feelings?</li></ul>

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