

Belgium in the Congo

LT: Explain how the Belgians treated the native Congolese.

Imperialism

- When one country controls the economic, political, and/or cultural life of another country
 - political, economic, religious, and ideological reasons
 - [Brief overview](#)

Imperialism in Africa, 1914



Berlin West Africa Conference

- 1884-1885
- Divided up Africa among the great powers of Europe
 - Great Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Belgium (among others)
- Created a colonial system that would last for the next sixty years

Congo

- Granted to King Leopold of Belgium
- The king, not the government, officially controlled the Congo



Your Task

Look at primary sources to come up with an answer to the learning target: Explain how the Belgians treated the native Congolese. You must complete the work that goes with each document.