BERLIN CONFERENCE QUESTIONS

Directions: Complete the following questions based on the included reading and map activity.

1. According to the reading, what occurred between 1870 and 1914?
   Nearly the entire continent of Africa came under European control.

2. What two regions of Africa avoided coming under the rule of European nations during the Scramble for Africa?
   Liberia and Ethiopia

3. What did the competition between the European powers cause or lead to?
   Conflicts and World War I.

4. When was the Berlin Conference held?
   1884-1885

5. Why was it called the Berlin Conference?
   It was held in Berlin.

6. Who called the meeting for the Berlin Conference?
   Otto von Bismarck

7. What was the goal or purpose of the Berlin Conference?
   To reduce conflicts between the competing European nations.

8. What did the Berlin Conference cause?
   The division of Africa into a series of states that ignored the history and societies of Africa.
9. What role did African nations have in the decision-making process of the Berlin Conference? Why?

None, because the European nations did not value the African societies and were more concerned with their own wealth and prosperity.

10. What is the legacy of the Berlin Conference on Africa today?

***Students could be expected to complete research to answer this question based on specific topics, such as the Rwanda Genocide.

In general, it created tension between African societies that were forced into nation states together and has left a legacy of poverty and exploitation.

*** No key is provided for the mapping activity, as it is easily accessible on the website provided.