

# Guided Reading Activity



## East Africa

### Lesson 2 *History of East Africa*

**Essential Question:** Why do people trade?

### Kingdoms and Trading States

**Directions:** As you read the section, fill in the blanks with important dates.

1. The civilization known as Kush arose in Nubia around \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Around \_\_\_\_\_ Kush was conquered by a powerful state called Aksum, located in what is now Ethiopia.
3. Aksum was possibly established around \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Arabs settled on the East African coast of the Indian Ocean and founded the trade city of Kilwa in the \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Colonial Era

**Directions:** Use your textbook to answer the questions about the colonial era in East Africa.

1. What were Portugal's main motives in East Africa?

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2. In the late 1800s, what reasons did other European leaders have for colonizing Africa?

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3. Who were the most famous European explorers of Africa?

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4. Which East African country fought for and gained independence from its European "protector"?

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5. How did physical geography play a role in this country's ability to remain independent?

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## Independence

**Directions:** Complete the time line with important events in the history of East Africa after World War II.



1945 \_\_\_\_\_

1956 \_\_\_\_\_

1960 to 1963 \_\_\_\_\_

1971 to 1979 \_\_\_\_\_

1990s \_\_\_\_\_

1992 \_\_\_\_\_

1993 \_\_\_\_\_

2011 \_\_\_\_\_