

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL GRADES

This is our last week studying the continent and history of Africa. We have been looking at the varied cultures of Africa and studying the involvement of Europeans there in the last quarter of the 1800's. This is the week to finish up the projects that you have been doing in connection with this focus.

Lower-grammar students will focus on the geography of southern Africa. As with other regions in the past two weeks, you will look at the landforms of this region during your geography times. Upper-grammar students have been studying topically as well as geographically. You will finish your study of the continent of Africa by focusing on its wars and weapons, slaves, and crafts and skills. Dialectic studies include a survey of the nationalist groups that formed in opposition to European colonialists in Africa; your geography work includes noting on your map the areas controlled by three European powers—the Germans, Italians, and Spaniards. Rhetoric students will focus on the effects that the Age of Imperialism had on the societies of both those who imposed their rule and those who were ruled. This fascinating study includes many interesting angles from which to look at this era.

Additionally, we are studying the life and presidency of Chester Arthur, who was President of the United States from 1881 to 1885. Arthur was a lawyer and a Republican who became vice president under James Garfield. As we have been learning, there was much government corruption at all levels from the time of President Grant's administration. Some powerful men liked the corruption, because it gave them an opportunity to affect policies from outside the government. Others wanted reform. Arthur had been put on the ticket to please those who liked the spoils system, balancing out Garfield, who was seen (and elected) as a reformer. When Garfield was assassinated, Arthur became President. He only served for one term, and many people expected him to bow to his long-time associates and continue to allow rampant corruption. However, he surprised everyone by becoming a staunch reformer, even earning the name of the "Father of Civil Service" after he pushed through the passage of the Pendleton Civil Service Act. Contemporaries and historians alike have a high opinion of what Arthur accomplished in his abbreviated term in office.



# READING CHART

4.20  
WK  
30 } MAKING OF MODERN AFRICA - p 1-45 (SHOULD HAVE ALREADY READ)  
p 45-65

4.27  
WK  
31 } ISLAND OF HOPE - INTRODUCTION + CH 1+2  
COUNTRY OF OURS - CH XCIV HAYES GARFIELD ARTHUR  
\* AFRICA MAPS DUE & RESEARCH PAPER THESIS DUE

5.4  
WK  
32 } I OF H - CH 3+4  
C OF O - CH XCV CLEVELAND HARRISON CLEVELAND

5.11  
WK  
33 } I OF H - CH 5  
\* OUTLINE OF RESEARCH PAPER DUE

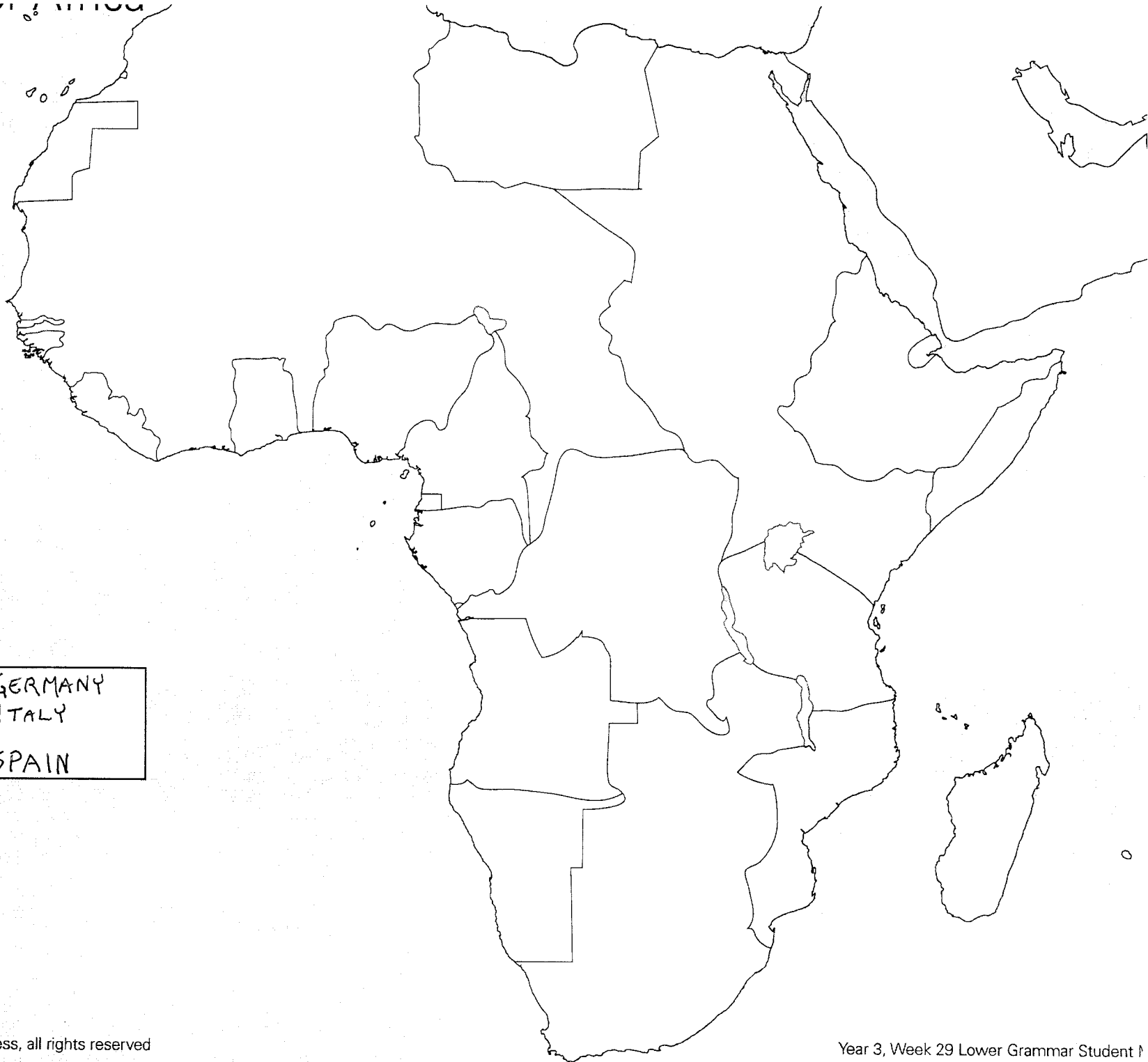
5.18  
WK  
34 } I OF H - CH 6  
C OF O - CH XCVI MCKINLEY  
\* TIMELINE DUE

5.25  
WK  
35 } ISLAND STORY - CH CX BOERS + BUTONS

6.1  
WK  
36 } \* RESEARCH PAPER DUE

6.8  
WK  
37 } \* FINAL EXAM  
\* NOTEBOOK REVIEW

- GERMANY
- ITALY
- SPAIN



1883 Buffalo Bill travels with his Wild West Show.

Add the following dates to your time line this week: 27

- 1862-1890 Bismarck leads first Prussia and then a united German Empire.
- ~~1864~~ Prussia and Austria ally to defeat the Danes over the Schleswig-Holstein question.
- ~~1866~~ Prussia wins a brief but decisive war with Austria (the Austro-Prussian War of 1866).
- 1869 The Suez Canal is completed.
- ~~1870-71~~ Prussians defeat France in the Franco-Prussian War.
- ~~1871~~ Second French Empire falls.
- ~~1871~~ German states are unified when the German Empire is declared at Versailles's Hall of Mirrors.
- 1871 The Great Chicago Fire
- 1876 Alexander Graham Bell's telephone is patented.
- 1879 Thomas Edison invents the electric lightbulb.
- 1885 Louis Pasteur's rabies vaccine is proved successful.

Add the following dates to your time line this week: 29

- ~~1877-1881~~ Rutherford B. Hayes is President of the United States.
- ~~1875~~ Prime Minister Disraeli purchases a sizeable interest in the Suez Canal for Great Britain.
- ~~1881~~ James A. Garfield is President of the United States.
- 1884-85 Berlin Conference regulates European colonialism in Africa.
- ~~1888~~ Convention of Constantinople declares the Suez Canal to be a neutral zone under the protection of the British.

Add the following dates to your time line this week: 33

- 1881 Booker T. Washington helps found Tuskegee Institute.
- 1890 Mississippi is the first Southern state to enact Jim Crow laws that effectively disenfranchise blacks.
- ~~1890~~ Louisiana passes a law that says that no "colored" people can ride in the same railroad cars with whites.
- ~~1892~~ Homer Plessy challenges this law by attempting to take a purchased seat in a white only railroad car.
- ~~1893-1897~~ Grover Cleveland serves his second term as President of the United States.
- 1895 Booker T. Washington's "Atlanta Address"
- 1896 The Supreme Court decision in *Plessy v. Ferguson* establishes the legal principle of "separate but equal" segregation in the South.

Add the following dates to your time line this week: 35

- ~~1851~~ James Drummond Dole founds the Hawaiian Pineapple Company.
- 1893 A coup is organized against Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii.
- ~~1894~~ Sanford B. Dole becomes president of the new Hawaiian government.
- 1888 Frederick III succeeds Wilhelm I as German emperor but dies after only 99 days.
- ~~1888-1918~~ Wilhelm II, Frederick III's son, is the German kaiser.
- 1898 Hawaii is annexed as a territory of the U.S.

Add the following dates to your time line this week: 28

- 1855-1881 Tsar Alexander II rules Russia.
- ~~1855-1865~~ Lord Palmerston is prime minister of Britain.
- ~~1868 (Feb-Dec)~~ Benjamin Disraeli is prime minister of Britain.
- ~~1868-1874~~ William Gladstone is prime minister of Britain.
- 1874-1880 Benjamin Disraeli is prime minister of Britain.
- ~~1880-1885~~ William Gladstone is prime minister of Britain.
- ~~1881-1894~~ Tsar Alexander III rules Russia.
- ~~1885-Jan-1886~~ Lord Salisbury is prime minister of Britain.
- ~~1886 (Feb-July)~~ William Gladstone is prime minister of Britain.
- ~~July 1886-1892~~ Lord Salisbury is prime minister of Britain.
- ~~1892-1894~~ William Gladstone is prime minister of Britain.
- ~~1895-1902~~ Lord Salisbury is prime minister of Britain.

OPTIONAL: Add the dates of the major reforms in Great Britain and Russia to your time line this week. (See the chart in the rhetoric Student Activity Pages to find these dates easily.)

Add the following dates to your time line this week: 30

- ~~1881-1885~~ Chester Arthur is President of the United States.
- ~~1882~~ Congress passes Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.

Add the following dates to your time line this week: 31

- ~~1885-1889~~ President Grover Cleveland's first term
- 1892 First immigrants arrive on Ellis Island, beginning the mass immigration of the twentieth century.

Add the following dates to your time line this week: 32

- ~~1889-1893~~ Benjamin Harrison is President of the United States.
- 1890 Sherman Antitrust Act

Add the following dates to your time line this week: 34

- 1892 Progressive Party nominates its first presidential candidate: James B. Weaver.
- 1896 William Jennings Bryan's famous "Cross of Gold" speech wins him the Democratic presidential nomination and support from Populists.

Add the following dates to your time line this week: 36

- ~~1878~~ Russia and Turkey sign the Treaty of San Stefano.
- ~~1878~~ Congress of Berlin renegotiates the settlement made at San Stefano concerning the Balkan states.
- 1897-1901 William McKinley is President of the United States.
- 1898 The Spanish-American War is fought.
- ~~1898~~ Cuba receives its independence from Spain.
- ~~1898~~ The United States takes control of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines from Spain.

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