Big Idea Card

Big Ideas of Lesson 4, Unit 6

- Economic growth is often viewed as a country's ability to produce more goods in less time and is measured in Gross Domestic Product.
- During the 1800s, several European countries divided up the continent of Africa in order to colonize it.
- The colonizing countries wanted raw materials for their industries from their colonies. They also wanted markets for the manufactured goods they were producing.
- Colonization caused long-lasting social, economic, and political problems for the people of Africa.
- Many current problems relating to economic growth and development such as lack of infrastructure and slow industrial growth can be traced back to colonial times.

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bringing a product into a country to be sold

Example: The United States imports crude oil from many countries in western Asia or the Middle East.

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