

SST Lesson 20 notes and Activity

African reaction to colonial rule

There were two forms of African response / reaction to colonial rule.

- Some Africans collaborated (Accepted to work with colonialists)
- Some Africans resisted (Opposed colonial rule)

COLLABORATORS.

These were individuals or communities that accepted the establishment of colonial rule in their areas.

Examples

Individuals

Communities/kingdoms

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| ➤ Sir Apollo Kaggwa | Buganda |
| ➤ Omukama Kasagama | Tooro |
| ➤ Semei Kakungulu | Eastern Uganda |
| ➤ Nuwa Mbaguta | Western Uganda |
| ➤ Leibon Lenana | Masai |
| ➤ Nabongo Mumia | Wanga |
| ➤ Chief Rumanika | Karagwe |

Reasons for collaboration

1. They wanted material gifts, rewards or gains from colonialists.
2. They wanted protection against their traditional enemies. They thought colonialists would ally with them to fight.
3. Some feared colonial powers like Chief Rumanika of Karagwe.

4. Resistance of traditional enemies.

RESISTORS

The individuals / communities that rejected (Refused) the establishment of colonial rule in their areas.

Resistors rejected or opposed colonial rule .They fought against colonialists.

African resistors to colonial rule.

Individuals	Community
Omukama kabalega	Bunyoro
Chief Awich	Acholi
Kabaka Mwanga	Buganda
Jaja of Opobo	Igbo land
Chief Lubengule	Ndebele
Priest Kinjekitile Ngwale	Tanzania
Samora Toure	Madinka
Chief Mkwawa	Hehe

Reasons for resistance

- To protect their Land.
- To protect their Independence
- To protect their Property
- To protect their communities
- They wanted to protect their wealth/ gain.
- Traditional enemies had collaborated.
- To preserve their culture.
- To preserve their power and authority.
- They feared to lose respect among natives.

Why resistance to colonial rule failed in Africa.

- Africans were not united.
- Africans had inferior weapons.
- Africans had poor fighting skills.
- Africans had a weaker army compared to Europeans.
- Some Africans betrayed their fellow Africans by collaborating.

Activity

1. Write two ways in which Africans reacted to colonial rule.

2. Why did African traditional leaders accept to work with colonialists?

i).....

ii).....

3. Name any two leaders who resisted colonial rule in Uganda.

