



**CALIFORNIA CONTENT
STANDARD 10.4.2**

Locations of Colonial Rule

Specific Objective: Discuss the locations of the colonial rule of such nations as England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia, Spain, Portugal, and the United States.

Read the chart and summary to answer the questions on the next page.

Locations of 19th-Century Colonial Rule			
Colonizing Nation	In Africa?	In Asia?	In South America?
Great Britain	X	X	X
France	X	X	X
Germany	X	X	
Italy	X		
Japan		X	
The Netherlands		X	X
Belgium	X		
Spain	X		X
Portugal	X		X
The United States		X	

- **Great Britain** colonized more land than any other nation, controlling parts of Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, and South America and all of Australia
- In 1800, **South America** was controlled mainly by the Spanish and the Portuguese. Most of that continent achieved independence by 1830.
- At the **Berlin Conference of 1884–1885**, 14 European countries met to divide up the continent of **Africa**. Great Britain and France claimed most of it. The remainder was divided among Germany, Italy, Belgium, Spain, and Portugal, with only 3.4 percent left independent. The Netherlands had no African colony.
- The United States acquired the Asian island nation of the **Philippines** in 1898 and used it mainly for sugar crops. (The Philippines achieved independence in 1946.)



PRACTICE

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Directions: Choose the letter of the *best* answer.

- 1** What *two* European nations colonized *most* of South America?
 - A England and Spain
 - B England and France
 - C Spain and France
 - D Spain and Portugal

- 2** What *two* European nations colonized *most* of Africa?
 - A England and Spain
 - B England and France
 - C Spain and France
 - D Spain and Portugal

- 3** During the late 1800s, which European nation had *no* colony in Africa?
 - A Belgium
 - B Germany
 - C Italy
 - D The Netherlands

- 4** Which European nation colonized the *most* land around the world during the 19th century?
 - A France
 - B Germany
 - C Great Britain
 - D Spain

- 5** The purpose of the Berlin Conference was to plan for the
 - A independence of South America.
 - B conquest of China.
 - C division of Africa.
 - D control of international trade routes.

- 6** Where did the United States acquire a colony in 1898?
 - A Africa
 - B Asia
 - C South America
 - D The Caribbean