

LIBYA

The Rise and Fall of the “Brother Leader” and its future.

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TIME LINE OF THE UNIT

- Day One- CIA World Factbook Online Research and Map Activity
- Day Two- Lecture Berlin Conference to World War 2
- Day Three- Lecture- End of World War 2 to Coup led by Qaddafi
- Day Four- Lecture- Rule of Qaddafi
- Day Five- Group work for the Arab Spring
- Day Six- Video on Libyan Civil War
- Day Seven- Video on Libyan Civil War
- Day Eight- Group Discussion on Libya's Future

3 AREAS OF LIBYA

- Tripoli- Western area with focus on Mediterranean
- Cyrenaica- East, Socially Conservative
- Fazzan- Desert and Nomad, Southern



LIBYA'S HISTORY: LAND OF THE CONQUERED

- Greeks, Romans, Vandals, Byzantines, Europeans and
- Arabs- 7 to 11th Century, Brought Islam to Libya.
- Libya means West of Egypt

BERLIN CONFERENCE 1884-1885

- 13 European powers attending included a resolution to 'help in suppressing slavery'.
- The strategic and economic objectives of the colonial powers, such as protecting old markets and exploiting new ones. Africa's Resources
- The Berlin Conference carved up Africa, paying no attention to local culture or ethnic groups, and people from the same tribe on separate sides of European-imposed borders. Set up the rules for future colonization.
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/abolition/scramble_for_africa_article_01.shtml downloaded on 8-22-17

EUROPEAN POWERS IN AFRICA

- Italy wanted to conquer Libya. The Ottoman Empire helps Libya resist. Viewed Italy as an Invading Christian Force in the Muslim World.
- 1912 Rome Accord: Italy control politics while Ottoman Empire controlled religious issues.
- End of WWI – Ottoman Empire is dissolved. Italy remained
- 1942 Italy leaves Libya. WW2
- US, GB, FRA and USSR wanted influence in Libya

LIBYA AFTER WORLD WAR II

- 90% Illiterate- No Professional Class Poorest Country
- Dependent on Foreign Aid from US and GB
- Nov 1949 Independence
- Dec 1950 Idris Al Sunussi Monarch Also a PM chosen
- Discovery of Oil 1959
- US oil companies rushed into country
- Sunussi was putting personal interests ahead of national interests. (Pargeter)

RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION IN LIBYA

- Urbanization- Tripoli population 1954 was 130 K by 1964 at 213K
- Benghazi was at 70K to 137K same time frame
- Per Capita Income grew from 1951 25.00 to 2k in 1969.
- Lot of social disruption
- Led to a growth in Idea of Arab Nationalism promoted by Nasser of Egypt.

ARAB NATIONALISM

- 3 tenets of Arab Nationalism-Help break colonial control over Arab World. These three principles should unite Arabs.
 - Islam
 - Socialism
 - Arabism
- Future Leader Qaddafi will use this idea for Libya. Even wanted to unite with Egypt.

KING IDRIS REACTS TO ARAB NATIONALISM.

- 1953 Agreement with Great Britain to not use Libyan bases to attack any Arab country. British Soldiers wear civilian clothing outside of their base. GB will set up a military academy in Benghazi. Qaddafi will eventually go to this academy. (Pargeter)

KING IDRIS ANGERS HIS PEOPLE

- Jan 1964 Israel diverts water from the Jordan River. The King decides not to attend Arab meeting on this issue. People upset.
- March 64: New Prime Minister of Libya informs US and GB that military base lease agreements will not be renewed. Hoped to pacify people.
- 1967 Six Day War- Libya stopped Oil Production as a protest to Israel.
- King Idris had not found a way to use oil revenue to improve peoples' lives.

QADDAFI COMES TO POWER 1969

- King Idris was on a long vacation in Greece and Turkey. Coup. The military did not fight Qaddafi because he was an officer. Great Britain did not help out the King either.
- President Nasser of Egypt sent aid and help to Qaddafi. Help MQ create new government units to weed out King's supporters.
- March 1970 US and GB Troops kicked out of Libya. Jews and Italian civilians removed and nationalized oil.
- Qaddafi's mentor, Nasser dies suddenly dies of heart attack.

QADDAFI'S RULE

- 1972
 - Sharia Law set up in the courts. Casinos, night clubs and alcohol banned. Zakat became mandatory.
 - Law of 1972- Membership in political parties punishable by death.
 - Independent Press shut down.
- 1973
 - Sets up Propaganda Unit funded by oil revenue. Calendars use Christian and Islamic dates.
 - MQ starts alienating people who originally supported him.
 - Nationalizes Oil Industry

QADDAFI'S RULE: FOREIGN ADVENTURES

- He wanted to unite Libya with its neighbors. Egypt, Sudan, Tunisia and Morocco. None of the leaders agreed with Qaddafi. (Pargeter, page 69.)
- Angered by the rejection he was accused of attempting to assassinate the Tunisian Prime Minister and trained rebels who wanted to overthrow the Tunisian government. Trained Rebels in Sudan too.(Pargeter p. 71.)
- Sent troops to Help Ugandan Dictator Idi Amin in the Tanzanian War. Failure for Libya and Uganda. .(Pargeter p. 73.)

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QADDAFI'S FOREIGN ADVENTURES

- Libya participates in Arab Oil Embargo in 1973. Qaddafi wanted to work with the USSR. US was worried that Libya could be a base for USSR on the Mediterranean Sea. Qaddafi wanted weapons to undermine the US and Western allies not an alliance as feared. (Pargeter, page 75.)
- US President Jimmy Carter refused to sell weapons to Libya and sided with Egypt in the brief skirmish between Libya and Egypt. (Pargeter, page 75.)
- RUF- Sierra Leone Civil War (Lobban, p. 119)

QADDAFI'S FOREIGN ADVENTURES

March 1982- US bans oil from Libya and makes US companies working in Libya get licenses from the Gov. (Pargeter p. 73.)

April 1986 Bombing of LaBelle Disco in Berlin. 2 US Soldiers Killed.

Ten days later the US bombed a Tripoli Airfield, Naval Academy and one Qaddafi's home. Although, some bombs caused civilian deaths when they missed their targets. (Pargeter p. 80.)

THE GOLD FIST: A MONUMENT TO REMEMBER THE US ATTACKS.



1988: PAN AM FLIGHT 103

- [Information about the flight](#)
- US first thought Iran blew up the plane. (Pargeter, p.83)

FRENCH UTA FLIGHT 772

- [French Flight](#)

LIBYA IS PUNISHED

- US Sanctions were taking a toll on the economy
- The price of oil was \$14.44 per barrel in 1986. \$26.00 in 1985
- Inequality was growing among the people.
- Government revenues plummeted. (Pargeter, p.81.)
- Food rationing occurred
- People were angry at the West but also Qaddafi himself for putting the people at risk. (Pargeter, p.91)

QADDAFI RESPONDS TO THE PROBLEMS

- Agrees to hand over Pan Am 103 Suspects if they are tried in the Netherlands under Scottish Law. African Leaders express support for this plan. UN would consider ending the embargo.
- One suspect is sentenced to 20 years in jail for murder while the other is acquitted.

Each family of the Pan Am flight would be given \$10 million dollars by Libyan government. (Pargeter, p.98)

US STARTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH LIBYA

- 1999- Clinton administration would lift US Sanctions if Libya agrees to end pursuit of WMD. Lifeline for Qaddafi?
- Events of 9-11
- Libya shared information on Bin Laden and proclaimed US invasion of Afghanistan was justified self defense
- US invades Iraq
- Dec 2003, Libya agrees to get rid of WMD pursuit and agrees to inspections.
- Pargenter,p. 99).

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT

- Jan 2005, US Oil firms return to Libya. Agreements were beneficial to the country but not the majority of people.
- Qaddafi's children lived extravagant lifestyles.
 - Luxury Yachts
 - Paying Beyoncé and 50 Cent large sums for private performances (Pargeter, p. 110.)
- This did not sit well with the people or the Leader.

GROUP WORK ON THE ARAB SPRING

- <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-12482311>
- Each group will have 20 minutes to use the information from the website above to briefly explain the results of the Arab Spring in their assigned country.
- Questions
 - What happened?
 - What was the government's response?
 - Have any changes been made to the government as a result?

QUESTIONS AFTER GROUP DISCUSSIONS

- Were there any common themes to the demonstrations?
- Were there any common problems faced by each country?
- What were the responses by the government to protests and demonstrations? Was your country similar or different?

THE START OF THE ARAB SPRING IN LIBYA

- Feb 11, 2011- A lawyer who was representing families of a Prison Massacre was arrested. He was planning a protest in Benghazi.
- People were unhappy about lack of housing and lack of pay raises.
- A protest about a visit by an Italian Member of Parliament turned into a riot and government buildings were attacked. (Pargeter, p. 112)

WHO SHOULD THE US SUPPORT?

- Arguments
- MQ is not liked by other Arab Leaders, so if we support MQ lose credibility with Arab countries?
- US worried the Muslim Brotherhood could take over similar to Egypt. (Hilsum,p.201)
- MQ prevails, he will likely kick out Western oil interests.
- Try Carrot and Stick approach to MQ (Henriksen, p. 12)
- CHI and Russia support MQ (Hilsum,p. 199.)

US PUBLIC OPINION ON LIBYA

- 63% did not support intervention in Libya
- 69% opposed arming rebel groups
- Did not want to get involved in another long term war
- (Henriksen, p. 12)
- Congress did not give Obama much help.

FOREIGN INTERVENTION FROM THE WEST AND FELLOW ARAB NATIONS

- Qaddafi makes promises to improve conditions in the country but the protests continue.
- Eventually, people are killed and the protests grow and there are more deaths.
- March 12, 2011- Arab League calls for a no fly zone in Libya to protect civilians from Qaddafi and his loyal security forces.
- March 19th- US, GB and Fra start attacking Libyan forces to protect people and enforce the no fly zone.
- (Pargeter, p. 118)

FALL OF QADDAFI

- **2011** July - The international Contact Group on Libya formally recognizes the main opposition group, the National Transitional Council (NTC), as the legitimate government of Libya.
- **2011** August - Col Gaddafi goes into hiding after rebels swarm into his fortress compound in Tripoli. His wife and three of his children flee to Algeria.
- **2011** August-September - African Union joins 60 countries which have recognized the NTC as the new Libyan authority.
- **2011** 20 October - Gaddafi is captured and killed as rebel fighters take his hometown Sirte.

LIBYA: POST QADDAFI

Civil War

Competing Governments

Refugee Crisis

Libyans leaving

People going to Libya to escape other African Conflicts

[Libya Today](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-24472322)

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VIDEOS FOR THE UNIT

- The Zenga Zenga Speech
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRbV8HO4AnQ>
- **Published on Feb 22, 2011**
- The Libyan leader blames foreign powers for the current unrest in his country and says the protesters are on hallucinogenic drugs.



VIDEOS FOR THE UNIT: VIA FILMS ON DEMAND

- **Title:** First to Fall
- **Copyright Date:** ©2014
- **Item #:** 118363
- **Type:** Documentary Film
- 2 Canadian Brothers who travel to fight in Libya

- **Title:** Libya: Benghazi Rising
- **Copyright Date:** ©2011
- **Item #:** 51968
- **Type:** Documentary Film

VIDEOS FOR THE UNIT: FILMS ON DEMAND

- **Title:** The International Criminal Court
- **Copyright Date:** ©2013
- **Item #:** 56523
- **Type:** Documentary Film
- Segments 14-20 are on Libya
- **Title:** Witness: Libya by HBO
- **Copyright Date:** ©2012
- **Item #:** 115047
- **Type:** Documentary Film
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