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**TOPIC: NATIONALISM IN NIGERIA**

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# Learning Objectives

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- ✓ define Nationalism
- ✓ discuss the Development of Nationalism in Nigeria
- ✓ discuss the types of Nationalism
- ✓ explain the causes of Nationalism
- ✓ discuss the factors that stimulated the growth of Nationalism in Nigeria

# MEANING OF NATIONALISM

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Nationalism can be defined as the struggles or efforts made by the nationalists towards the attainment of self-government or independence. It can also be defined as the feelings of oneness and consciousness among a group of people with a view to liberating themselves from the tentacles of colonialism. Other names for Nationalism are: Nationalist Movement, Liberation Movement, anti-imperialism and a fight against colonial rule.



Obafemi Awolowo



Herbert Macaulay



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Anthony Enahoro



Ahmadu Bello

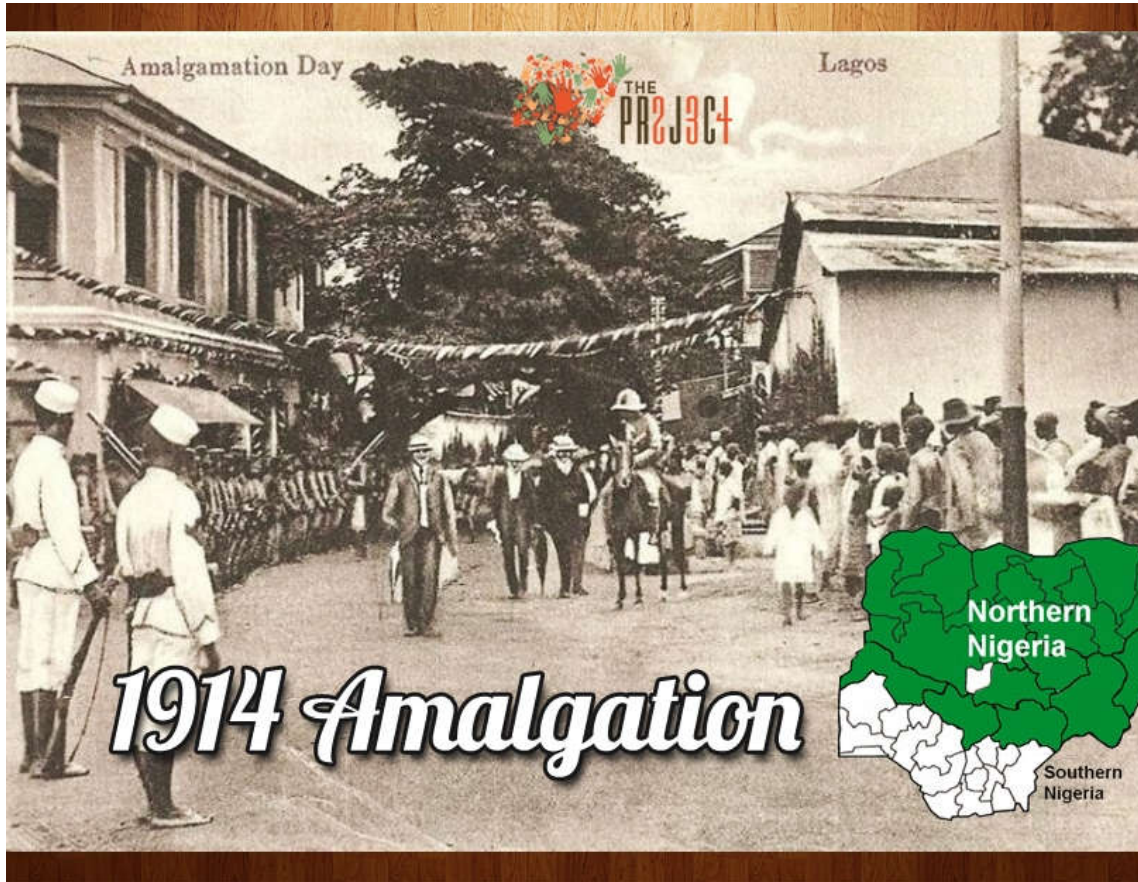


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# DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONALISM IN NIGERIA

Prior to 1914 amalgamation saga of the northern and southern protectorates with Lagos crown colony, some traditional rulers and chiefs made efforts to say no to colonialism in Nigeria e.g. Kings Jaja of Opobo, Ovaremi of Benin, Kosoko of Lagos among others. Remember that Lagos was invaded and captured by the European in 1861, Ijebu land in 1892 Isekiri land in 1894 and Benin in 1897. It was a surprise that all their efforts to reject the oppressive, depressive, suppressive and exploitative colonial rules proved abortive because they were scared and threatened with fire arms and machine guns. Therefore this laid the foundation stones of Nationalist movement in Nigeria.





Obafemi Awolowo



Herbert Macaulay



Nnamdi Azikiwe



Also, apart from the traditional rulers, were the modern nationalists, who used different channels and means to fight against colonial rule in Nigeria. These include; Sir Herbert Macaulay, Dr. Nnamdi Azikwe, Chief Obafemi Awolowo, Alh. Ahmadu Bello, Abubakar Tafawa Balawa, Chief Anthony Enahoro, Mrs. Olufunmilayo Kuti, Jaja Nwachukwu among others. They used news papers, Political parties, constitutional conferences seminars letters and petitions with other means to fight for self government in Nigeria.



# TYPES OF NATIONALISM

**Secret Nationalism:** The advocates of secret Nationalism established social-cultural organizations to fight against colonialism e.g. Egbe Omo Oduduwa, Egbe Omo Igbira, Ndigbo, Arewa etc..



**Traditional Nationalism:** The advocates, refuse to be bearing English names, disagreed on marrying one wife and preferred using African method to worship God

**Modern Nationalism:** The advocates used modern method to fight for self government e.g. news papers, political parties, letters and petitions and constitutional conferences to agitate for Independence.

## CAUSES OF NATIONALISM

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Racial Discrimination

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Cultural and religious domination

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Parochial Educational system

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Bad Colonial administrative system

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Discrimination in civil service

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Economic Exploitation

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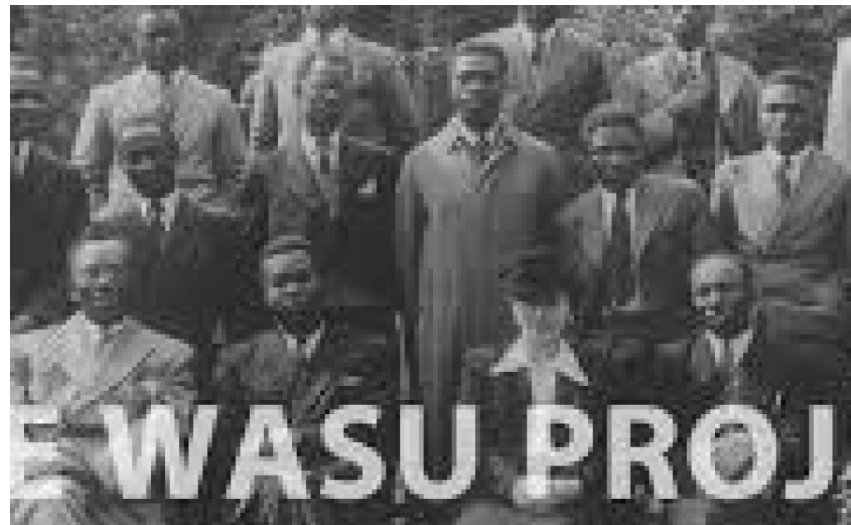
Political Domination





## FACTORS THAT STIMULATED THE GROWTH OF NATIONALISTS MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA

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- i. Establishment of political parties e.g. NNDP 1923, NYM 1934, NCNC 1944, AG 1951 NPC 1951 etc..
- ii. Establishment of News Papers e.g. The Comet, Lagos Daily News (Herbert Macaulay), African Pilot (Nnamdi Azikwe), Nigerian Tribune (Obafemi Awolowo) etc..
- iii. Effort made by National Council of British West Africans (NCBWA)
- iv. Effort made by West African Student Union (WASU)
- v. Atlantic Charter of 1941



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- i. Pan Africanism Congress
- ii. Return of Ex-service men
- iii. Encouragement received from British labour party
- iv. Effort made by Labour Union
- v. Establishment of Higher Institution of learning e.g. Yaba College of Technology, (Lagos) 1935 and University College Ibadan 1948.
- vi. Constitutional Conferences e.g. Ibadan Constitutional Conference of 1950, London Constitutional conference 1953, Lagos constitutional Conference 1954, London 1957 and 1958 Constitutional Conferences.

# ASSIGNMENT

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- Discuss five (5) effects of Nationalism in Nigeria.
- Highlight five(5) nationalistic roles performed by Nigerian Nationalists