

Postcolonialism

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History

Post colonialism is defined as the period directly preceding the independence movements, and the period in which the major colonial powers, such as Britain, began to dissolve their empires and allow their colonies to form independent nations.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, Britain began to disengage from its empire. In the 1960s and 70s, decolonization movements began in various colonies, particularly in Africa with the Berlin Conference.

Postcolonialism is also used to refer to the struggles of indigenous people after colonialism takes place. One example of this is the struggle of Native Americans after European colonists arrived.

Causes

Empires and Nations reasons for stopping their colonization:

Britain - Their empire was overstretched. The various colonies became more wild which led to the fall of Britain's key assets.

Spain - During the French Revolution, Napoleon dethroned Spain's ruler and appointed his brother Joseph which weakened Spain's power, causing many colonies under its rule to gain independence.

France - Once the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1763, France gave up their control of the territories up in North America, ending any foreign threat that the british colonies would have.

Lasting Effects

Despite colonialism being almost officially ended its effects would live on through several things we can find even in the modern day. This includes:

Stereotypes : Many stereotypes that can still sometimes be found in the modern day were started in the colonial era and continued onward.

Unequal Distribution of Resources: As is seen in many countries, unequal distribution of resources has always been a problem however this was exacerbated by the colonial and post colonial restructuring of many countries.

Human Rights: During the colonial era many people were stripped of their human rights, While in some place these groups were no longer marginalized in many they continued to be.

Facts (Colonization in the Americas)

- Subjugated individuals sought to gain dominance over territorial boundaries set by colonizers
- Postcolonialism can refer to the minority status given to the indigenous after colonization
- The newly established US government denied basic rights to indigenous peoples
- Rebellions following colonization of the indigenous began to occur
- Indigenous fought to overcome the stereotypes placed on them and the difference in rights afforded to indigenous in comparison to the colonizers

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