Twentieth Century Africa

First Assignment: Short Essay

Write a short essay of about 1200-1,500 words on one of the following topics:

1. Choose a colonial city and using three or more of the books and articles below, briefly discuss the evolution of its social character and economic role from 1900 to 1960.

Overviews
Anthony D. King, Colonial Urban Development: Culture, Social Power and Environment (1976)
Frederick Cooper, ed., Struggle for the City: Migrant Labor, Capital and the State in Urban Africa (1983)

West Africa
Hilda Kuper, ed., Urbanization and Migration in West Africa (1965)
J.D.Y. Peel, "Urbanization and Urban History in West Africa", JAH, 21, 2 (1980), 269-78
Claude Meillassoux, Urbanization of an African Community: Voluntary Associations in Bamako (1968)
Merran Fraenkel, Tribe and Class in Monrovia (1964)
Sandra T. Barnes, *Patrons and Power: Creating a Political Community in Metropolitan Lagos* (1986)
Peter C. Lloyd, Akin Mabogunje and B. Awe, eds., *The City of Ibadan* (1967)

Central Africa
J. La Fontaine, *City Politics: A Study of Leopoldville* (1970)
David Parkin, ed., *Town and Country in Central and East Africa* (1975)

East Africa


Luise White, "A Colonial State and an African Petty Bourgeoisie: Prostitution, Property and Class Struggle in Nairobi, 1936-1940", in Frederick Cooper, ed., *Struggle for the City* (1983), 167-95


Luise White, *The Comforts of Home: Prostitution in Colonial Nairobi*


**Southern Africa**


2. Using three or more of the books and articles in the following list, EITHER, discuss the main African responses to missionary work and Christianity in one colony or region during the early 20th century, OR, explain the appeal of one of the main African independent churches or millenarian movements during the colonial period. Examples of independent churches are the Watch Tower movement, Ethiopian or Zionist Churches, the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC). Messianic or millenarian movements include Mumbo, Nyabingi, Jamaa.

**Useful Overviews:**
John Mbiti, *Introduction to African Religion*  
Geoffrey Parrinder, *Religion in Africa*  
Richard Gray, *Black Christians and White Missionaries*  
Adrian Hastings, *The Church in Africa, 1450-1950*  
Elizabeth Isichei, ed., *Varieties of Christian Experience in Nigeria*  
Elizabeth Isichei, *A History of Christianity in Africa, from Antiquity to the Present*  
A.J. Dachs, ed., *Christianity South of the Zambezi*  

**More Specific Books:**
Norman Etherington, *Preachers, Peasants, and Politics in Southeast Africa*  
J. and J. Cormaroff, *Of Revelation and Revolution*  
John McCracken, *Politics and Christianity in Malawi, 1875-1940*  
Ian and Jane Linden, *Catholics, Peasants and Chewa Resistance in Nyasaland, 1889-1939*  
J.F.A. Ajayi, *Christian Missions in Nigeria*  
Emmanuel Ayandele, *The Missionary Impact on Modern Nigeria, 1842-1914: A Political and Social Analysis*  
E.A. Ayandele, *Holy Johnson*  
D.A. Low, *Religion and Society in Buganda 1875-1900*  
Michael Wright, *Buganda in the Heroic Age* (1971)  
Roland Oliver, *The Missionary Factor in East and Central Africa*  
H.B. Hansen, *Mission, Church and State in a Colonial Setting: Uganda 1890-1925*  
Robert Rotberg, *Christian Missionaries and the Creation of Northern Rhodesia 1880-1924*  
N. Bhebe, *Christianity and Traditional Religion in Western Zimbabwe 1859-1923*  
M.L. Daneel, *The God of the Matopos Hills*  
Terence Ranger and Isario Kimambo, eds., *The Historical Study of African Religion*  
David Barrett, *Schism and Renewal in Africa*  
Georges Balandier, *Sociology of Black Africa*  
Georges Balandier, “Messianism and Nationalism in Black Africa” in Klein and Johnson, eds., *Perspectives on the African Past*  
M.L. Daneel, *The God of the Matopos Hills*  
Johannes Fabian, *Jamaa: A Charismatic Movement in Katanga*  
Edward W. Fasholé Luke, Richard Gray, et.al., eds., *Christianity in Independent Africa*  
Humphrey Fisher, “Conversion Reconsidered: Some Historical Aspects of Religious Conversion in
Black Africa,” *Africa*, 43 (1973)
Karen Fields, *Revival and Rebellion in Colonial Central Africa*

Bennetta Jules-Rosette, *African Apostles*

J.D.Y. Peel, *Aladura: A Religious Movement Among the Yoruba*


T.O. Ranger and John Weller, eds., *Themes in the Christian History of Central Africa*

Roland Oliver, *The Missionary Factor in East and Central Africa*

Robert Rotberg, *Christian Missionaries and the Creation of Northern Rhodesia* 1880-1924

C.G. Baeta, ed., *Christianity in Africa*

B.G. Sundkler, *Bantu Prophets in South Africa*


W. van Binsbergen, *Religious Change in Zambia*

J.V. Taylor and D. Lehmann, *Christians of the Copperbelt*


N. Bhebe, *Christianity and Traditional Religion in Western Zimbabwe* 1859-1923


Lamine Sanneh, *West African Christianity*


Michael Banton, ed., *Anthropological Approaches to the Study of African Religion*

John Beattie and John Middleton, eds., *Spirit Possession and Society in Black Africa*

John Middleton and E.H. Winter, eds., *Witchcraft and Sorcery in East Africa*


Meyer Fortes, *Oedipus and Job in West African Religion*

Meyer Fortes and G. Dieterlen, eds., *African Systems of Thought*


I.M. Lewis, *Ecstatic Religion*


Victor Turner, *Schism and Continuity in an African Society*

C.G. Baeta, *Prophetism in Ghana*

J.M. Shoffeleers and Wim van Binsbergen eds., *Theoretical Explorations in African Religion*

Benjamin Ray, *African Religion*

T. O. Beidelman, *Colonial Evangelism: A Socio-Historical Study of an East African Mission at the Grassroots*

Wyatt MacGaffey, *Modern Kongo Prophets: Religion in a Plural Society*

Ian Linden, *Church and Revolution in Rwanda*