

The World News

Assignment:

You are to create a newspaper covering decolonization in Africa and Asia after World War II.

Requirements:

1. Paper must be on standard sized paper (8½" x 11"). Four pages max.
2. Paper must have a name or title. BE CREATIVE.
3. Two editorials extolling the virtues and drawbacks for two methods of decolonization (violent/non-violent, voluntary/involuntary, with social reform/without social reform, etc.). Have each editorial signed by the editor of your newspaper. Editorials are emotional appeals to get something done, but they still are based on facts to give them the perception of fairness and lack of bias.
4. A feature article from a reporter analyzing the process of decolonization in Africa, South Asia (India and Pakistan), and Southeast Asia. Make sure you include evidence from specific independence movements, "actual" quotes from the period, and historical issues (such as the methods used or compromises made). Be FACTUAL but also be creative. This is the place for a multitude of FACTS and ANALYSIS.
5. A political cartoon lampooning a particular side, event, etc. BE CREATIVE.
6. Interviews with the following (work them into the editorials and feature articles):
 - a. An Indian independence leader
 - b. A Muslim independence leader
 - c. An African independence leader
 - d. A Southeast Asian independence leader
 - e. The British prime minister
 - f. The French President
 - g. An Asian peasant
 - h. An African peasant
 - i. An African woman
 - j. An Asian woman
 - k. A member of the negritude literary movement
 - l. A white South African

This is the one assignment in AP World History where extra-credit is available for CLEARLY OUTSTANDING projects. An outstanding project shows DEPTH of understanding of the complexity of decolonization. Be creative and above all else be factual. Show that you truly understand the variety of issues involved in the decolonization of Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

For this project, use chapter 33 and part of 35 in your textbook. You may also use other reliable sources (other textbooks, the internet, etc.). If you use additional sources, you MUST include a bibliography.

This assignment counts as one major grade. It is due Monday, January 5th.