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FOREWORD

Welcome to HIS 1200. In this course we explore and examine the background to the early Afro-European contacts and how the Scientific Revolution led to the European Voyages of Discovery. This course also discusses the specific voyages that were carried out and results of these voyages of discovery. The Portuguese activities in Central Africa specifically in the kingdoms of Kongo and Ndongo (Ngola or Angola) and the lower Zambezi valley, extending to parts of Mashonaland and Luangwa north. The beginning and growth of slave trade across the Atlantic Ocean and the role of the Portuguese and other merchants in the slave trade in East and West Africa are also examined in this course. The course further discusses the effects of slave trade on the African continent. Further this course highlights the causes and course of explorations that were undertaken by various explorers in the interior of Africa. The Pioneer Christian Missions and their activities in Central Africa are also examined. Lastly, the course explores and examines European imperialism in Africa. It highlights why and how European nations colonized areas in Africa and the impact of colonial rule on African societies. To enable you easily understand the contents of this course there are activities and illustrations in each unit discussed in this course.

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