

GENTLEMEN OF THE JUNGLE

Purpose

Analyzing a text about the experience of colonialism will help you understand how colonial subjects reacted to and resisted imperial rule.

Process

Part 1: [Click here to read the story “The Gentlemen of the Jungle,”](#) and then respond to the following questions:

1. What did you notice about this story?

2. What do you think this story is about?

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Part 2: Now, read Part 2 of the story to learn what happened *after* the Commission of Enquiry. Your teacher may then have you participate in a discussion about this story. Individually or in a group, respond to the questions on the next page.

3. After hearing more, what do you think this story is about? Has your idea changed?

4. Who do you think the man represents (what person or group)?

5. Who are the animals (what person or group)?

6. What does the hut represent?

7. What is the significance of the Commission of Enquiry?

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8. Where does the story take place? Why does it take place there?

Part 3: This story was written by Jomo Kenyatta, who was the Prime Minister of Kenya from 1963 to 1964. In 1964, he became Kenya's first president, and remained in that office until his death in 1978. Kenyatta was an anticolonial activist and played a significant role in transforming Kenya from a colony of the British Empire into the independent republic that it still is today.

With this new information, respond to these questions.

9. How does knowing more about the author change your understanding of the story?

10. Why do you think Kenyatta wrote this story?