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This Land Is Ours: Who should own Namibia's farms?

Focus Question: How do the effects of imperialism impact the issues facing Africa today?

Problem: White Namibians own 90% of the land and make up only 6% of the population.	Solution: The government proposes to redistribute the land to black Namibian farm workers.
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- Quotations**
- "The fight for farm workers' rights is the fight for land ownership."
 - "The whole thing erupted so badly against us. We were forced into a situation where they are putting the blame on us because we are white."
 - "We were fighting for the land. We were not fighting for politics or a flag... Land is the basis of anything."
 - "I don't eat rocks. What am I going to do with this land if I get it? I'll sit here and starve to death since I don't know what to do with it."
 - "I'm a purebred Namibian. I speak German and my skin is yellowish-pinkish white. But I'm a pure Namibian."
 - "If a farm like Krumbuk gets expropriated, a farm like this where we are opening up, creating new business, more jobs, we are taking in people, we are educating people, we are bringing culture to this land, we are trying to improve the land as such, the health of the land, if a piece of land like that get expropriated, what does it mean?"

Predictions

Perspective of black Namibians farm workers	Perspective of white Namibians farm owners	
Why should they own the land?	Why should they keep the land?	Terms <u>Redistribution</u> —policy to reduce inequalities by taking wealth from the rich and giving it to the poor <u>Reconciliation</u> —all Namibians would live together as equals <u>Expropriation</u> —forced sale of white owned farms to black farm workers

Reflection after viewing

One thing I noticed was...

I wonder...

I predict that...

Select one of the quotations and reflect.

Discussion

As a group, DISCUSS the questions below. Then record your thoughts in the table below.

1. Think about how one effect of imperialism impacted this current issue in Namibia. Describe the connection in 1-2 sentences.
2. How does the government hope that the solution will help this current issue? Describe the connection in 1-2 sentences.

Effect of Imperialism	Germany colonized Namibia and conquered the land
Connection	
Current Issue	White Namibian farm owners own 90% of the land and make up 6% of the population
Connection	
Possible Solution or Goal	Redistribute land to black Namibian farm workers

3. How does redistributing the land to more black Namibians help to solve Namibia's problems? Do you think the government should expropriate the land?

4. Should you hold the offspring responsible for the actions of their relatives generations earlier? Why or why not? What other examples in history are there of this conundrum (meaning; puzzle, paradox)?