

ATTACK ON THE CONGO: TWO VIEWS

I. Read "Attack on the Congo River: One View"

1. Describe the actions of the Basoko.
2. What made Stanley decide to run after the Basoko?
3. Why did Stanley think that the Basoko were hostile?

II. Read "Attack on the Congo River: Another View"

1. Describe the actions of the Europeans.
2. What did Mojimba and the Basoko people expect from the Europeans? Give at least one example.
3. Why did they expect the Europeans to be friendly?

III. Answer the following questions next by comparing the two stories together.

1. On what parts do the two accounts agree?
2. On what parts do they two accounts disagree?
3. How did expectations and perceptions of Mojimba differ from those of Stanley?

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Homework: Write a news article of the battle that takes into account the expectations and perceptions of both groups. Explain the actions of the two groups in terms of their mistaken beliefs about each other. Don't forget to begin with the 5 W's and H as you start the article. Then report on how misconceptions may have attributed to this event. Include at least one quote from both Mojimba and Stanley in your news article. Pick something from the two accounts that stand out to you as interesting.

Example:

According to Mojimba, "That was no brother! That was the worst enemy our country had ever seen."