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Human Anatomy

Government assignment.

Chapter 2

The historical background of Nigerian government and politics involves the pre-colonial period and colonial period in Nigeria. The Nigerian state is a colonial creation. It is a product of a historical arrangement that arose out of European adventure with its eventual culmination in the colonisation of Africa.

Early Man in Africa:

The exact time when man began to live in Nigeria is unknown but there are archaeological evidences from different parts of Nigeria which pointed to the fact that man had settled in the region.

The achievements of Early man

The man who lived in Nigeria during those years worked hard to cope with his environment. First, he needed food. Early man then proceeded to invent another type of tool, which is a heavy chopper. It was more efficient in cutting the existing tools.

The scientific and Technological development of early Nigerian societies

Major landmark in Early Nigerian History

Information on the major landmarks in early Nigerian history was made possible through

the excavation work done on places where men lived in Nigeria.

Nok culture / civilisation

The discovery of terracotta (burnt clay) head of a monkey by tin miners in Nok is 1936.

Benin Civilization

Benin was important for its art work. The craftsmen of Benin carved in wood and ivory and cast objects in bronze and brass.

Ife civilization

Ife is important because of its terracotta and bronze objects such as tools and figures. While animal and human figures were carved on granite.

Igbo Ukwu civilization

Some bronze objects and ornaments were accidentally discovered while digging a toilet pit at Igbo Ukwu in 1939.

Traditional political institutions in pre-colonial Nigeria.

In this section, the 3 major ethnic groups of Yoruba, Igbo and Hausa-Fulani in Nigeria traditional political system of government shall be examined.

Historical background of pre-colonial political system in Yoruba land

The Yorubas are one of the largest ethnic group in Nigeria and are united by language.

- * The oke oramp's version of the origin of the Yorubs
- * Political structure of pre-colonial Yorubs land.
- * The oyo empire
- * The slave administration, e.t.c.