

Nigeria in

1916

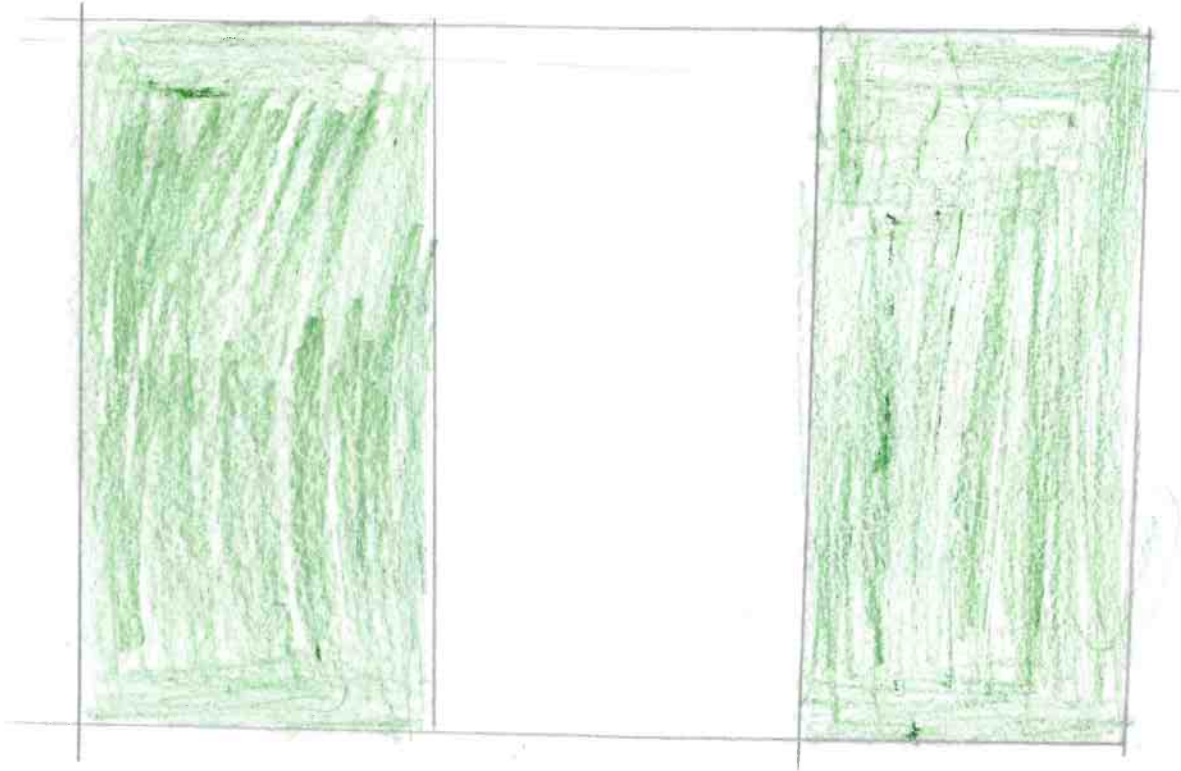
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My relatives in 1916 came from Southern part of Nigeria. The British took an interest in Nigeria because of its resources which was crude oil in particular. The British colonized Nigeria in 1884.

In 1916 in Nigeria, different languages were spoken and my relatives spoke Ibo and Esi languages to communicate with each other. They were big into farming and arts and crafts. Life was very difficult at that time. They had to walk long distance to fetch water from streams. They also had to walk long distance to local schools.

On January 1, 1914 Lord Frederick Lugard, the governor of both the Northern Nigeria Protectorate and the Colony and Protectorate of Southern Nigeria signed a document consolidating the two, thereby creating the Colony and Protectorate of Nigeria. Forty-six years later in 1960 Nigeria became an independent state!

In the evenings after dinner children will sit in circles and the adults would tell tales of the old times that was so much.



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