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**Directions:** Read the handout, “Private Company Rule in the Congo”. Choose one of the two writing options below. Each essay should be one page, typed, 12-pt font, double spaces, and in Times New Roman print. Make sure to cite your sources if you use anything beyond the assigned reading.

**Option A: Journal Entry**

Put yourself in the shoes of a young man/ woman living in the Congo River region, in the late 1800s. What would you see? How would the International Association of the Congo Company affect your family and village? What was your life like before the Europeans came? Write a one page journal entry to describe your experiences during this time and how you were affected. Give examples. Make sure that your story is based on facts from the assigned reading, class notes, or further research. Be **creative** as you want, and most importantly **have fun!**

**Option B: Reaction Research Essay**

After reading the handout, write a one page reaction essay to A. E. Scrivener’s journal entry. How did this entry make you feel? Were you surprised by the actions of the European officers? Why was rubber in high demand during this time? Why the Congo River region? What effects did the practices of the company owners have on the people of the Congo? Think **deeply** and give **specific examples** from the reading to back up your reactions.

**Option A****Grading**

2	1	0
Always wrote from perspective of person living 1800’s Congo region	Mostly wrote from the perspective of a person living in 1800’s Congo region	Rarely/never wrote from proper perspective
4	3-2	1-0
Thoroughly described what would be seen	Generally described what would be seen	Very little/no description of what was seen
4	3-2	1-0
Thoroughly described what life was like before Europeans came	Described what life was like before Europeans came	Little/no description of what life was like before Europeans came
6	5-3	2-0
Gave many correct examples from the reading of how you & your family were affected by the Intl Assn of the Congo Co.	Gave examples from the reading of how you & your family were affected by the Intl Assn of the Congo Co.	Few/no examples from the reading of how you & your family were affected by the Intl Assn of the Congo Co
4	3-2	1-0
Written as a journal & interesting to read	Written as a journal.	Not written as a journal.
5	4-3	2-0
Professional appearance: Typed, correct grammar, spelling	Missing some elements of professional appearance	Lacking professional appearance

**Option B**

2	1	0
Thoroughly described how this entry made you feel.	Described how this entry made you feel	Rarely/never described how this entry made you feel
4	3-2	1-0
Thoroughly described if you were / were not surprised and why	Generally described if you were / were not surprised and why	Very little/no mention if you were / were not surprised or why
4	3-2	1-0
Thoroughly described why rubber was in high demand at that time	Described why rubber was in high demand at that time	Little/no mention why rubber was in high demand at that time
6	5-3	2-0
Thoroughly explained why the Congo region and the effects of the practices of the co. owners on the people of the Congo.	Explained why the Congo region and the effects of the practices of the co. owners on the people of the Congo	Little detail on why the Congo region and/or the effects of the practices of the co. owners on the people of the Congo
4	3-2	1-0
Written as a reaction paper & interesting to read	Written as a reaction paper	Not written as a reaction paper.
5	4-3	2-0
Professional appearance: Typed, correct grammar, spelling	Missing some elements of professional appearance	Lacking professional appearance