

Nigeria – then and now

Pre-Colonial Nigeria 5000 BC - 1500 AD

Colonial times 1500 - 1914

Constitutional development 1914-1960

5000 BC

first people
living in
Nigeria

1000 AD

Yoruba founded the
city of Ife

different states
were established in
the north
(were successful in
trading)

beginning 18 century

British had taken
control of them

spread their Christian
beliefs, language and
culture

early 19th century

holy war between the
Fulani and the Hausa
started

Fulani created Muslim
empire and judicial
system

end of 19th century

divide between
Christian (south: rapid
modernisation) and
Muslim (north)

since 1922

Legislative
council ruled the
south

1954

Nigeria became a
federation

500 BC

organised
society was
found

1500 AD

Portuguese
slave trade
began

1807

slave trade was
abolished

end of 19th century

British empire
dominated Nigeria

1914

North and south united
as "Colony and
protectorate of Nigeria"
and since 1947 the
whole country

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Legislative council ruled
the whole country

Independence 1960 - now

1 October 1960

Nigeria became independent

1966

Military regime took
over power

1975-1983

First period of
democracy in Nigeria:
civilian administration
regained power

1995

EU imposed sanctions
against Nigeria and
Commonwealth
suspended membership

1999 / 2003

end of military rule
first democratic election
since military rule

Since 2009

frequent activities of
islamist movement
"Boko Haram"

1963

Nigeria became a
federal republic

May 1967

A three-year civil war
started, the "Biafran-
War" -> northern people
wanted an own country,
around 1 million died

1985

2nd military coup
(tried to take power)

1996

five political parties in
Nigeria, were gaining
more and more power

2010

Goodluck Ebele
Jonathan became
president, Nigerian
economy boomed

2015

Muhammadu Buhari
became new president,
re-elected in 2019