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Created as a result of British colonialism, Nigeria emerged as a nation-state during the mid-twentieth century. The British colonial administration, in a state of economic crisis and with huge debts to the United States, was uninterested in any rapid economic development in Nigeria after WWII. Britain needed resources to rebuild its economy, and nationalism was rising in Nigeria, where colonial subjects were complaining about exploitation. A rapid transformation in Nigeria's economy and political arena then took place. Reform came through politics and the transfer of power, with the first generation of the new political class inheriting power during the 1950s as colonialism ended. An age of ideas and actions began, and the country witnessed an expansion of its infrastructure, health services, schools, and industries. These were the first crucial steps in Nigeria's march toward modernization.

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