

Setting, and Title - Guide to the Inheritance Play by David Mulwa

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- The story is set in colonial Africa in the Kutula colony under the British rule. The colonial masters live lavishly at the expense of the poor natives who serve as their slaves.
- The traditional ruler of the natives is King Kutula XV. The king is bent on overthrowing the British leadership by all means. He leads his people in a national uprising against the white settlers and out rightly tells the white governor that "**...your people will continue to die. Everyone of them ... Governor Macay and no one'll help you ... I have spoken. " (Pg 13).**
- After the exit of the British, Kutula becomes a republic under the leadership of Lacuna Kasoo after the death of his (Lacuna's) father, King Kutula XV.
- Lacuna Kasoo's leadership turns out to be worse than the leadership of the colonial masters. It is marred with greed, corruption, incompetence and assassinations. His dictatorial regime triggers a peaceful civil revolution that successfully overthrows his leadership.

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- The play 'Inheritance' revolves around a conflict between the African natives and the white settlers over the inheritance of land, its resources and leadership.
- The British invasion in African is motivated by the desire to tap resources from Africa through their colonial rule under the guise of bringing civilization in form of education, infrastructure, and hospitals to the "primitive" Africans.
- Once settled, the colonial masters gradually grabbed vast areas of land from the natives for agriculture, mining and settlement thereby displacing and enslaving the natives. The British Empire depended on Africa for survival, hence the desire to rule and control Africa with their resources.
- The natives, through their King Kutula, realize the urgent need to inherit what the white settlers have robbed them. "**...we want to build and run our home in our own way . This land is our mother. We want our children to live and share equally what she gives us ... all that you take from her. " (p. 12).** A countrywide uprising begins and the Whiteman's rule ends.
- King Kutula XV inherits the leadership from the British masters.
- King Kutula__ 's leadership is later inherited by his son, Lacuna Kasoo. Lacuna is manipulated and deceived by the imperialists to kill his own father. Goldstein is aware of Lacuna's insatiable greed. He promises to groom Lacuna to leadership as long as King Kutula is out of the way. His intention is to get Lacuna, who is easy to control,