Aim: What were the causes and effects of Bantu Migrations?

Do Now: Why do you think people migrate?

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Bantu Migrations

The map illustrates the spread of the Bantu people from their home area in the west, moving east and south across Africa, with key locations such as Lake Victoria and the Zambezi River. Arrows indicate the direction of migration:

- Orange arrow: Spread of Bantu, by 1000 BC
- Red arrow: Spread of Bantu, by AD 500

Legend:
- Orange dot: Bantu home area, by 2000 BC
Reasons for the Bantu Migration
1. Drought and famine
2. Population increase caused overcrowding
3. Attacks from other tribes
4. Conflicts with Bantu tribes over land and water
5. Natural disasters and diseases
6. Search for good farmland
7. Adventure
8. Follow relatives
9. Need for water and grazing land
10. Iron tools made farming easier
Effects of Bantu Migration:

• Cultural Diffusion

• language
• taught people how to use iron
• taught how to plant crops - yams and bananas
• increased population led to more villages and increased trade
• new forms of government developed
### Push Factors
Why people might want to leave one place.

1. Their lives might be in danger due to:
   - war
   - earthquakes, volcanoes or flooding
   - disease
   - hunger due to crop failure or the death of their animals

2. It might be hard to make a living due to:
   - farming being difficult due to poor land or drought
   - too many people competing for land
   - having lost a job in a mine or factory

3. The rest of their family or the people who support them may have died or moved away.

### Pull Factors
Why people might be attracted to a new place.

1. The new place might be safer with:
   - peace
   - no threats from nature
   - less disease or better health care
   - good food supplies

2. It might be easier to make a living:
   - the land might be better for farming
   - it might be easier to find land
   - there might be other ways to make a good living

3. You may have relatives or friends in the new place who will help you out.