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Four Men Two Words

There were many people who were very important to Afrikan liberation. The list is so long that I cannot name all of them. Here is a tiny taste of the many people who forwarded Afrikan liberation. The four men who I will be talking about in this essay are Frantz Fanon, Julius Nyerere, Kwame Nkrumah and Robert Mugape.

Frantz Fanon was a clinical psychiatrist and an author. He wrote four books during his lifetime. Those four books are very important. The books are called Black Skin White Masks, The Wretched of the Earth, A Dying Colonialism, and Towards the African Revolution.

His book Black Skin White Masks focuses on the cultural assimilation and alienation of our people. Cultural assimilation is when one culture is forced to take on another culture. Alienation is when a culture is forced to be like another culture for so long that it becomes normal. Frantz Fanon believed that you have to be willing to die for our people’s freedom.

In 1954 Julius Nyerere founded TANU (Tanganyika African National Union). He became president of Tanganyika when it became independent in 1961. He later became president of Tanzania when Tanganyika and Zanzibar unified. Julius Nyerere tried to unite the East Afrikan countries. It did not work out, but he was able to unite the ethnic groups in Tanzania.

 Mwalimu Julius Nyerere was one of the founders of the OAU (Organization of African Unity). He would let African armies do their training in Tanzania. Julius Nyerere would also allow Afrikans from America, who had to leave America, come and live in Tanzania.

Kwame Nkrumah became president of Ghana on March 6, 1957. He founded the OAU in May 25, 1963. He wanted all of Africa to unite. In May 1956 Kwame Nkrumah and the Gold Coast Government wrote a paper demanding independence from the British.

On June 12,1949 he founded the Convention People’s Party. The Group used “positive action” to make Ghana become independent from the British. Kwame Nkrumah believed in Afrikan unity. He said, “I am not African because I was born in Afrika, I am Afrikan because Afrika was born in me.”

Robert Mugabe was one of ZANU’s (Zimbabwe African National Union) leaders. He became the first prime minister of Zimbabwe in 1980. He became the second president of Zimbabwe in 1987. Robert Mugabe was very angry about the small amount of whites controlling Zimbabwe.

Robert Mugabe and ZANU’s military wing fought in the Rhodesian Bush War. The war was to get rid of Ian Smith and his government. One of his quotes is “the only white man you can trust is a dead white man.”

These men wanted African people to be free. Their methods to achieve the goal was different, but they all worked hard to help our people. If we all work as hard as they did, we can control our resources in Afrika. Afrika is our continent and we need to take it back!