Modern Day Princess Study Guide

Princess Elizabeth of Toro



Born: 1936 (age 84–85) Tooro Kingdom Spouse: Prince Wilberforce Nyabongo (m. 1981; died 1986) Full name: Princess Elizabeth Christobel Edith Bagaaya Akiiki of Toro Dynasty: Babiito Father: Omukama Rukidi III of Toro Mother: Queen Kezia





A Brief History

King Mutesa II of Buganda, another of Uganda's traditional kingdoms, was the president of Uganda, with Prime Minister Milton Obote. In 1966 Obote attacked the Buganda Palace, and declared himself president, sending Mutesa II into exile. Soon, he abolished all Ugandan traditional kingdoms, including Toro. Elizabeth was afraid for her brother, Omukama Olimi III, king of Toro (pictured on the left), but he was able to escape to London.

In 1971, Obote was overthrown by General Amin, and Elizabeth returned to Uganda. Amin's rule was arguably even more repressive than Obote's, with Amin executing and imprisoning many people. In 1974, Amin appointed Elizabeth minister of foreign affairs.

In February 1975, Elizabeth traveled to Kenya, then to Vienna, then to London. Four years later, Elizabeth returned to Uganda to help with the country's first free national elections, which were won by Obote, who continued killing his enemies. Finally, in 1985, Obote was overthrown and following a brief period of military rule, was replaced by Yoweri Museveni. In 1986, Elizabeth was appointed ambassador to the United States, a job she held until 1988.

Info from Wikipedia and misc. sites

Family/Careers



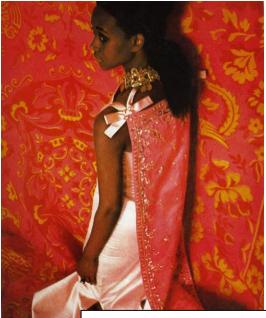
Young. Princess Elizabeth Bagaaya of Toro with her mother Lady Kezia Rukidi Abwooli



In the movie, Sheena, Queen of the Jungle in 1984.



George Rukidi, the Omukama of the Toro Kingdom of Uganda, photographed with his daughter



Princess Elizabeth of Toro in Vogue, 1967



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The Kingdom of Toro Today









Rukirabasaija Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukidi IV,

"King Oyo" Elizabeth's nephew Born: 16 April 1992 Became King: 12 September 1995









Discussion Questions

- 1. Where was Elizabeth educated?
- 2. Name all of Elizabeth's careers.
- 3. Why was the Toro royalty in exile?
- 4. What happened to Elizabeth's husband?
- 5. Who is King of Toro now?

Activities

- 1. Make a family tree of the Babito Dynasty.
- 2. Make a timeline of Elizabeth's life.
- 3. Research the Kingdoms of Uganda. Write a report.
- 4. Watch Sheena, Queen of the Jungle (rated PG).





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