

Activity One – *Colonial Rock Paper Scissors!* Playing Cards

African Peasant Farmer

- **Lifeline One:** You ask your mother and father for a loan. You use the money to purchase high yielding food crop seeds. You sell your larger harvest at the local market and make a modest profit.

Indian Trader

- **Lifeline One:** You acquire a business loan from the National Bank of India. You use this money to bulk buy items and lower your purchasing costs.
- **Lifeline Two:** Seeing the overwhelming privileges given to a small number of European Estate Managers, you demand the colonial government supports your much larger community by assisting struggling Indian businesses. The government agrees. You use the grant to purchase a lorry to reduce your transport costs.

European Estate Manager

- **Lifeline One:** You file papers with the government claiming ownership over an 'empty' portion of land. The land's real owner is an African farmer who cannot afford to challenge your theft in court. You sell their land to another European Estate Manager and use the proceeds to develop your estate.
- **Lifeline Two:** Your uncle, the Duke of Devonshire, suddenly dies. Fortunately, he left his fortune to you. You invest this money in your estate
- **Lifeline Three:** Colonial law allows you to threaten your African labourers with impunity. Unwilling to risk violence, your African labourers accept your demands for lower wages. You use the savings to support your estate.
- **Lifeline Four:** Because it is based on white supremacy, the colonial government refuses to let a European estate go bankrupt. To save your estate, the government provides a loan on generous terms.
- **Lifeline Five:** You organise an armed march through Nairobi with your white neighbours. You appeal for grants from the government and threaten to leave the British Empire if your demands are not met. The government agrees to your terms and gives you more money.
- **Lifeline Six:** The Second World War has begun, and Britain desperately needs you to produce more food. To help you increase your production for the war effort, the government gives you tractors and combine harvesters for free.