

German and then British  
Colonial Rule

1940s

Seasonal labor pool emerges of  
landless or dependent farm  
workers – high level of class  
stratification

Iraqw farmers and British settlers  
begin mechanizing agricultural  
production and consolidating lands  
into large (1000 acre) plantations  
cultivated with tractors/combindes

1961-1964

Over ensuing two decades,  
agricultural productivity falls to less  
than half of what it had been on  
independent farms.

Tanzania achieves independence.  
First President initiates system of  
collectivization called “villagization”,  
Ujamaa policy

1985

Some court cases in which those  
who lost land through Ujamaa  
successfully reclaimed their land.

President retires and Ujamaa is not  
continued.

Parliament passes a law to eliminate  
prior land claims but the law is  
declared unconstitutional.

1996

Chief Justice asks the courts not to  
consider these cases anymore

Land conflicts have moved outside  
the legal system