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**European Imperialism Webquest (1870-1915)**

Directions: Answer the questions below by completing Parts I and II on the main webpage of the Webquest. You will need to **follow directions carefully** and answer **ALL** of the questions on this sheet. To begin, visit the following website:

**http://wfps.k12.mt.us/teachers/carmichaelg/imperialism\_webquest.htm**

**Part I: Imperialism and the World**

Directions: Click on the “Imperialism and the World” link and follow the directions to answer the questions:

**A. Imperialism Map**

1. How many different countries have colonies?

2. Which country has the largest colonial empire?

3. Which continents are almost completely controlled by other countries?

3a. Which continents are only controlled by a few countries?

4. What could be a different title for this map?

**B. Data on Colonial Empires**

1. About how many square miles of territory does France control?

2. What is the TOTAL population controlled by the five countries shown in this chart?

3. Based on this information, which country has the largest colonial empire?

3a. Does the answer agree with your answer to question 2 in section A “**Imperialism Map**”? Why or why not?

**C. Impact of Colonization Data**

1. Which 2 areas of the world are almost completely controlled by colonial powers?

1a. Does the answer agree with your answer to question 3 in section A **“Imperialism Map”**? Why or why not?

**Make some conclusions about Imperialism based on the information above.**

1. During this time in history, which country do you think was the most powerful? Why?
2. During this time in history, which regions of the world were most sought after by the Europeans?
3. Make a guess: How do you think imperialism impacted the continents outside of Europe?

**Part II: Imperialism by Region**

Directions: Complete the sections for **BOTH** regions – China and Africa. Click on the “**Imperialism in China**” link first and answer the questions in each of its sections. Then, click on the “**Imperialism in Africa**” link and answer the questions in each of its sections.

**Imperialism in China**

**A. The Opium War (1839)**

1. Which 2 countries fought in the Opium Wars?

2. What was the main reason for the conflict between these 2 countries?

3. Look at the chart: Why do you think the war began in 1839?

4. What problems did Opium cause for the people of China?

**B. The Treaty of Nanking (1842)**

1. How many conditions were favorable to the Chinese? How many conditions were favorable to the British?

2. Which 3 conditions were most favorable to the British (write the condition, not just the number)? Why did you choose these 3?

a. Condition #1

b. Condition #2

c. Condition #3

3. What do you think the effect of this treaty will be on the people of China?

**C. Rebellions in China**

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| **Cause of Rebellion** |  |  |
| **Description of Rebellion**  **(who was involved, what happened?)** |  |  |
| **Effect of Rebellion** |  |  |

1. What similarities are there between the 2 rebellions?

**D. Map of Imperialism China**

1. Which countries had influence in China in 1912?

2. How did the events you have learned about (Opium War, Treaty of Nanking, Taiping Rebellion, and the Boxer Rebellion) lead to the situation shown in the map?

**Imperialism in Africa**

1. **The Berlin Conference**
2. List 3 reasons why Europeans wanted to take over Africa?
3. What was the Berlin Conference?
4. What agreements came out of the Berlin Conference?
5. What considerations were made by the Europeans to the native Africans?
6. Make a guess: How will the decisions made at the conference change Africa?

**B. The “Scramble for Africa”**

1. According to the cartoon, which European countries were fighting for a position in Africa?

1. How did the Berlin Conference lead to the situation shown in this cartoon?
2. What is the main difference between the 2 maps?
3. What part did the Berlin Conference play in the creation MAP 2?
4. What happened to the native African political entities by 1914?
5. According to Map 2-- Which 2 European countries held the most territory in Africa?
6. What percentage of Africa was colonized by 1913?
7. According to the graph, which 2 European countries held the most territory in Africa?
8. What percentage Africa was controlled by the rest of the countries (excluding the 2 countries mentioned in #2)?
9. Think about it: Would the information in MAP 2 and the pie chart above be the same if there had never been a Berlin Conference?
10. Compare MAP 2-- PARTITION OF AFRICA with the map of Africa from 1997 below. How did the Scramble for Africa in the 1800's and 1900's affect the current borders of Africa