

# Imperialism Web Quest

Go to the assigned links and answer the questions. You may type your answers right on this document.

## I. Imperialism and the World

### A. Imperialism Map

Answer the following questions based on the map at: <http://users.erols.com/mwhite28/1907powr.htm>

1. How many different countries have colonies?
2. Which country has the largest colonial empire?
3. Explain the existence of the "white patches" around the globe. Why didn't the Europeans establish colonies in those places? Explain. (Be specific) Which continents did the Europeans dominate? Why?

### Percentage of Territories Belonging to the European/US Colonial Powers

(1900)

Region	Percentage Controlled
Africa	90.4%
Polynesia	98.9%
Asia	56.5%
Australia	100.0%
Americas	27.2%

## Extent of Colonialism

(1939)

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****	Great Britain	France	Belgium	Netherlands	Germany (1914)
Area in Square Miles	94,000	212,600	11,800	13,200	210,000
Population	45,500,100	42,000,000	8,300,000	8,500,000	67,500,000
Area of Colonies	13,100,000	4,300,000	940,000	790,000	1,100,000
Population of Colonies	470,000,000	65,000,000	13,000,000	66,000,000	13,000,000

### B. Data on colonial empires

Examine the following "Area and Population of Colonies" charts at:

<http://www.daniellazar.com/wp-content/uploads/prim-source-docs-6-docs-for-the-qs.doc>

to answer these questions.

1. About how many square miles of territory does France control?
2. What is the TOTAL population controlled by the 5 countries shown in this chart?
3. Based on this information, which country has the largest colonial empire? Why shouldn't this be a surprise? Provide at least two reasons (from what you have learned in class) that could account for why this country had such a large colonial empire. Explain them fully.

### C. Impact of Colonization Data

1. Which 2 areas of the world are almost completely controlled by colonial powers? How do you explain this?
2. Which 2 areas are least controlled by colonial powers? How do you explain this?

## D. Conclusions

1. During this time in history, which regions of the world were most sought after by the Europeans? Why? Provide 2 reasons. (Try and think of things going on in Europe that might have influenced their actions abroad.)

2. What kind of an impact do you think the creation of these empires had on the colonizers and the colonized?

## II. Imperialism by Region

### Part 1: Imperialism in China

#### A. The Opium War

Answer the questions below based on the reading "The Opium Wars .. found at: <http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/the-opium-wars-the-bloody-conflicts-destroyed-imperial-china-17212>

1. Which 2 countries fought in the Opium Wars?
2. What was the main reason for the conflict between these 2 countries?
3. From the reading, what British actions do you think provoked the war in 1839?
4. What problems did opium cause for the people of China?

#### B. Treaty of Nanking

Read the 12 provisions of the Treaty of Nanking and the effects of the treaty at: <http://www.personal.kent.edu/~ksherwoo/nanking.htm>

Answer the questions based on the treaty:

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)? Explain why you chose these 3?
3. Describe 3 negative effects the Treaty of Nanking had on China.
4. Go to <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1842canton.html> to answer the following question: What did the Chinese people think about this agreement? Explain.

## C. Rebellions in China

Go to <https://prezi.com/ldtx0mtgdgex/boxer-rebellion-vs-taiping-rebellion/> and fill in the following chart

	<b>The Taiping Rebellion</b> <b>1850-1864</b>	<b>The Boxer Rebellion</b> <b>1900</b>
<b>Cause of the Rebellion</b>		
<b>Description of Rebellion (who was involved, what happened)</b>		
<b>Effect of the Rebellion</b>		

After completing the chart, answer the following question:

1. What similarities exist between the two rebellions?

## Part II: Imperialism in Africa

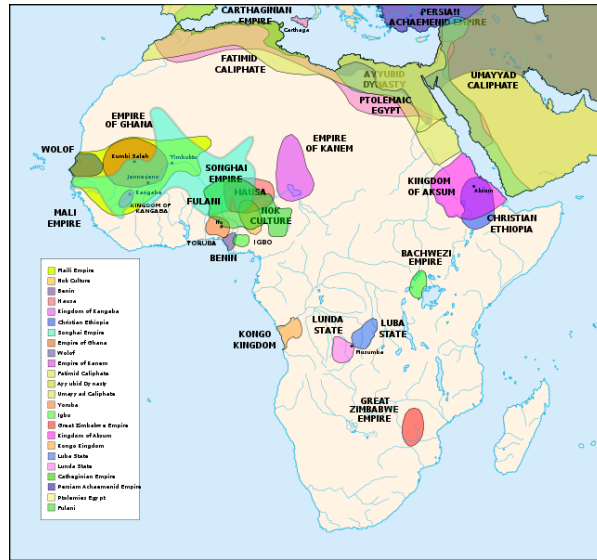
### A. The Berlin Conference, 1884

Answer these questions based on the reading at: [http://www.africafederation.net/Berlin\\_1885.htm](http://www.africafederation.net/Berlin_1885.htm)

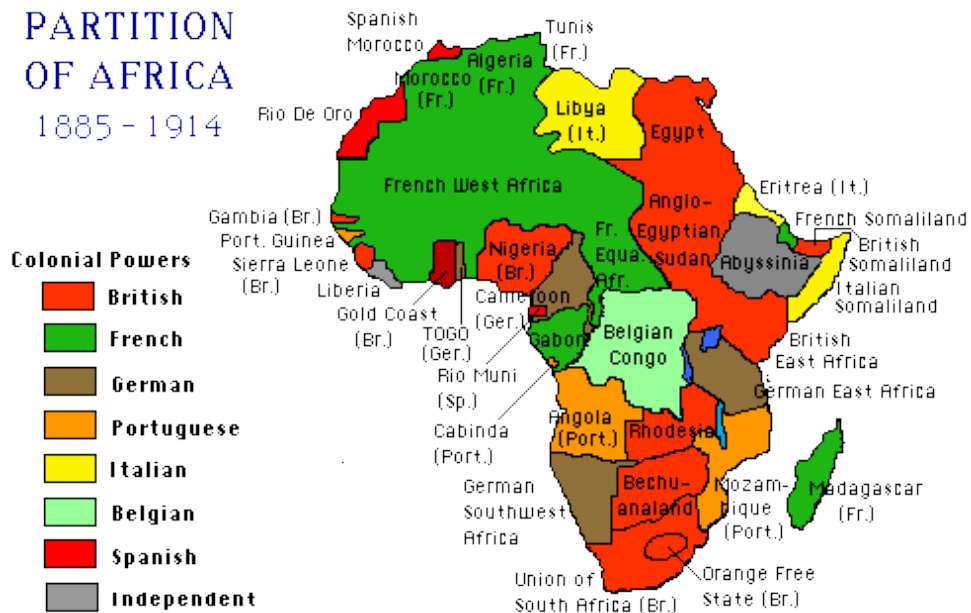
1. List 3 reasons why Europeans wanted to take over Africa?
2. What was the Berlin Conference?
3. What agreements came out of the Berlin Conference?
4. What considerations were made by the Europeans to the native Africans?
5. How will the decisions made at the conference change Africa? Defend your conclusion.

## B. Africa Map Comparison

Examine the maps of Africa below to answer the questions



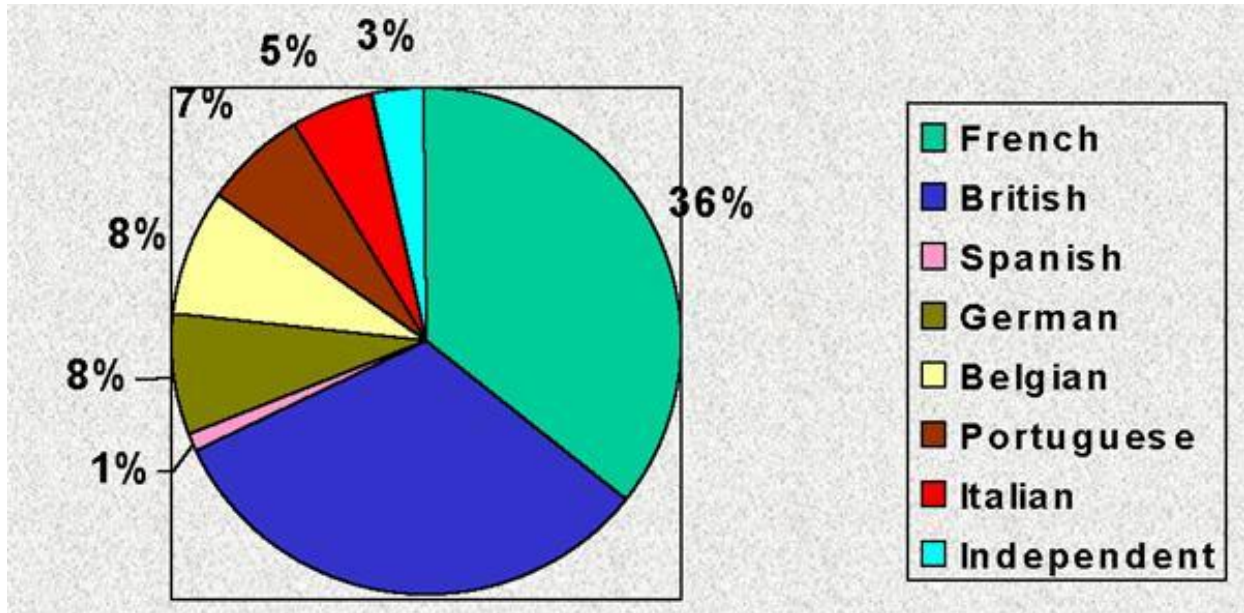
## PARTITION OF AFRICA 1885 - 1914



1. What is the main difference between the 2 maps?
2. What part did the Berlin Conference play in the creation of Map 2?

3. What happened to the native African political entities by 1914?
4. According to Map 2-- Which 2 European countries held the most territory in Africa?

Answer the following questions based on the chart, "AFRICA POLITICAL DIVISIONS IN 1913,"



5. What percentage of Africa was colonized by 1913?
6. According to the graph, Which 2 European countries held the most territory in Africa?
7. What percentage of Africa was controlled by the rest of the countries (excluding the 2 countries mentioned in #6)?

### C. Link to Today

Compare the partition of Africa map with the map of Africa today (2016)



1. How did the scramble for Africa in the 1800s and 1900s affect the current borders of Africa today? What problems do you think that created?

### D. The Boer Wars

Read the excerpt at: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/boer\\_wars\\_01.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/boer_wars_01.shtml) to answer the following questions:

1. Who were the Boers?
2. What caused the Boer Wars?
3. Why was the Boer War extremely controversial in Great Britain?
4. What was the result of the Boer Wars?

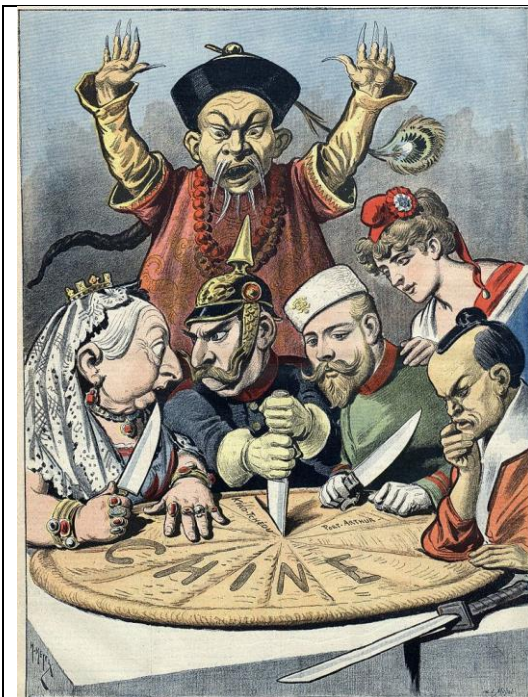
### E. Final Synthesis Question

Compare European imperialism in Africa and China. What in your opinion are the three most striking similarities? Why? Explain fully.

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- 2.
- 3.

### III. Political Cartoon Analysis

1. Analyze each of the following images by using SOAPSTONE (Speaker, Occasion, Audience, Purpose, Subject, Tone)

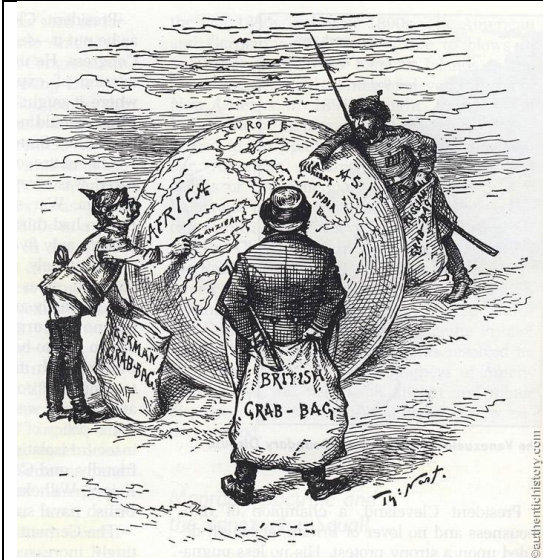


Cartoon A – French Cartoon 1890's



Cartoon B – “The Rhodes Colossus”





Cartoon C – “The World’s Plunderer’s” (1885)



“NEW CROWNS FOR OLD ONES!”  
 (Author adapted)  
 Cartoon D – “New Crown’s fr Old Ones” (1876)



THE LION'S SHARE.  
 “DAME À QUI LA TOUCHER!”  
 Cartoon E – “The World’s Plunderer’s” (1876)