# Imperialism Webquest

## I. Imperialism and the World

### A. Imperialism Map

Answer the following questions based on the map <u>'Imperialism and the Balance of Power'</u> (*if this map does not load correctly, hit the 'reload'* button several times) (use your browser's back button to return to this page)

- 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? Which continents are only controlled by a few countries?
- 4. What could be a different title for this map?

### B. Data on colonial empires

Examine the following charts 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? Does this answer agree with your answer to question 2 above in section A 'Imperialism Map'?

### II. Imperialism by Region

## China

## A. The Opium War (1839)

Opium is a habit-forming illegal drug.



Make a guess: How do you think opium led to a war in China?

Find the answers to the questions below based on the reading "The Opium Wars"

- 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)

The Treaty of Nanking ended the first Opium War.



Make a guess: What do you think was agreed upon in this treaty?

Read the 12 provisions of the Treaty of Nanking below. 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)? Why did you choose these 3?
- 3. What do you think the effect of this treaty will be on the people of China?

# C. Rebellions in China

Make a guess: What are the people of China rebelling against?

Fill out the following chart based on the information below

	The Taiping Rebellion	The Boxer Rebellion
	(1850 - 1864)	(1900)
Cause of Rebellion	·	
Description of Rebellion (who was		
involved, what happened)		
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Effect of Rebellion		

After completing the chart answer the following question:

What similarities are there between the 2 rebellions?

# D. Map of Imperialism in China

Look at the map above and answer these questions:

- 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?

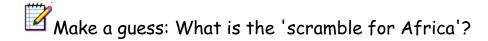
### **Africa**

# A. The Berlin Conference (1884)

Answer these questions based on the reading below

- 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. Make a guess: How will the decisions made at the conference change Africa?

### B. The 'Scramble for Africa'



### Scramble Cartoon

- 1. According to the cartoon, which European countries were fighting for a position in Africa?
- 2. How did the Berlin Conference lead to the situation shown in this cartoon?

#### Map 1 & Map 2 Questions

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

#### Africa Political Divisions Chart

- 1. What percentage of Africa was colonized by 1913?
- 2. According to the graph, Which 2 European countries held the most territory in Africa? (did you get the same answer as #4 in the Map Comparison above?)
- 3. What percentage Africa was controlled by the rest of the countries (excluding the 2 countries mentioned in #2)?
- 4. 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?
- 5. Using ALL of the information you have learned about the 'Scramble for Africa' draw your own cartoon about the 'Scramble for Africa'.

### Link To Today

How did the Scramble for Africa in the 1800's and 1900's effect the current borders of Africa?