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# Imperialism Webquest

## I. Imperialism and the World

### A. Imperialism Map



Answer the following questions based on the map ['Imperialism and the Balance of Power'](#) (***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 (1850 - 1864)	The Boxer Rebellion (1900)
Cause of Rebellion		
Description of Rebellion (who was involved, what happened)		
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'



Make a guess: What is 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?