

Imperialism Study Guide

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences on a **SEPARATE** sheet of paper! All information can be found in your notes and in projects/assignments we have completed. Also, do not forget **STUDY WORLD MAPS!**

General Information:

1. Define imperialism
2. What connection is there between industrialization and imperialism?
3. List and explain the four reasons for a stronger country to imperialize another country (what are the reasons for imperialism).
4. How does Social Darwinism/Superiority support imperialism?
5. Describe the “White Man’s Burden” and how it was a reason for imperial expansion in Africa & Asia.
6. Analyze the meaning of the quote “The sun never sets on the British empire.”
7. Explain 2 advantages of imperialism from the perspective of the aggressors.
8. Explain 2 advantages of imperialism from the perspective of the colonized.
9. Explain 2 disadvantages of imperialism from the perspective of the colonized.

India:

10. Explain the main reason Great Britain wished to imperialize India.
11. Explain the secondary reason Great Britain wished to imperialize India.
12. Define colonialism.
13. Why was India referred to as the “jewel of the crown of the British Empire?”
14. Explain how British rule affected the economic growth of India, even in modern day.
15. How many years was India a colony of Great Britain (know exact years as well)?
16. What was the economic significance of the Suez Canal and the Strait of Gibraltar to imperial gains in India?

China:

17. Why were imperial nations interested in China?
18. Why was the Treaty of Nanjing so significant to imperial events in China?
19. Define spheres of influence.
20. Which countries had a sphere of influence? Which country did not have a sphere of influence?
21. What was the Open Door Policy?
22. What was the economical reasoning (from the United States perspective) that pushed them to introduce the Open Door Policy?
23. What trading belief regarding China is evident in the Open Door Policy?
24. As a result of spheres of influence and the Open Door Policy, what did China become exposed to?

Japan:

25. Define isolationists.
26. Which country looked to end isolationism in Japan?
27. Why did Japan willingly open trade to foreign nations?
28. How did Japan modernize their military due to exposure the gunboat diplomacy?
29. Explain the significance of the Meiji Restoration to Japanese imperial growth.

United States:

30. How did the idea of manifest destiny slow the United States international imperial expansion?
31. Why did the United States propose the Open Door Policy in China and send Matthew Perry to Japan?
32. Why was the purchase of Alaska important to the United States economy?
33. What historical war set the United States up as an international world power?
34. Why did the United States have interest in Cuban independence against Spain in 1898?
35. Why is the Spanish-American War known as a “splendid little war?”
36. What areas did the United States acquire at the end of the Spanish-American War?
37. Why did the United States desire control over the Philippines, Guam, Puerto Rico and Hawaii?
38. Why did the United States keep Cuba as a protectorate from 1898-1954?
39. Why did the United States desire control over the Panama Canal?