

REQUIRED RESOURCE CENTER PROJECTS FOR STUDENTS TAKING
NATIONALISM & IMPERIALISM COURSE #221 PAGE 3

12. Charles Darwin and his impact.

Read Readings in European Civilization Since 1500 by Powers, pps. 492-497.

- a. Explain what Darwin means by "natural selection". How does he support his theory?
- b. Who might oppose the views of Darwin? Who would support him? Why?
- c. "It was no accident that Darwin's works were popular at the same time that the movements of nationalism and imperialism were reaching a peak". Do you agree or disagree with this? Give reasons for your answer.

13. Contrasting Colonial Policies of 4 Western Powers.

Read West and Non-West - Dean & Harootian, pp. 120-134.

- a. What were the strengths and weaknesses of the colonial policy of each of the following: (1) British (2) French (3) Belgians (4) Portuguese
- b. According to Easton have the people in the colonies been adequately prepared for independence? Do you agree?
- c. What in 1960, when Easton wrote this article, did he feel that imperialism was nearing its end? How accurate was Easton's prediction?

14. Case study of mother country & colony.

Refer to: The Imperialism Reader and other reference works.

Choose one of the following areas: Egypt, Rhodesia, Kenya, Algeria, Laos, Libya, Congo.

Do the following, after using the encyclopedia, textbooks and other source material in the resource center:

- a. Outline the methods used by the European powers to take over this area. Do any of your sources mention the resistance by the natives? Explain.
- b. How did the European power rule its colony? Was this policy special to that colony or part of a general pattern? Explain.
- c. How did the colony achieve its independence? Was it properly prepared for independence? Explain.
- d. Was the rule over the colony good or bad for the colony? For the mother country? Explain.

15. Imperialism in China.

Read How Did China Become a Victim of Imperialism? by Fedor, pps. 271-274.

- a. Outline the techniques used to take over China. In your opinion, could the Chinese have avoided being taken over? Why?
- b. There has been debate about the motives of the U.S. in regard to China.
 - (1) Outline the different views of the Open Door Policy.
 - (2) Which view of the Open Door Policy does your textbook follow?
 - (3) With which view of the Open Door Policy do you most agree? Why?

16. Did Colonies pay?

Read What Were the Causes of the New Imperialism? - Fedor, pps. 256-259
He believed strongly that colonies were needed so that mother countries would greatly benefit from the trade that would take place.

- a. On the basis of the chart on page 257:
 - (1) Who seems to benefit the most from colonies in terms of trade?
 - (2) For which power is the total trade with the colony less than the money spent on the colony?
 - (3) Do the statistics support or contradict the arguments presented in selection #13?
- b. How does Moon feel about the "trade argument"? How does he support his view?
- c. It was also argued that colonies provided a place for surplus population. How does Clark attack that view?
- d. On the basis of the selection do you believe that having possession of colonies "paid"? If not, why then did all the major powers of the world so desperately compete for colonies?