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Analyzing Imperial Motives

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ECONOMIC motives included the desire to make money, to expand & control foreign trade, to create new markets for products, to compete for investments and resources, and to export industrial technology and transportation methods.

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POLITICAL motives were based on a nation's desire to gain power, to compete with other European countries, to expand territory, to exercise military force, to gain prestige by winning colonies, and to boost national pride and security.

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RELIGIOUS motives included the desire to spread Christianity, to protect European missionaries in other lands, to spread European values and moral beliefs, to educate people of other cultures, and to end slave trade in Africa.

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EXPLORATORY motives were based on the desire to explore "unknown" or uncharted territory, to conduct scientific research, to conduct medical searches for the causes and treatment of diseases, to go on an adventure, and to investigate "unknown" lands and cultures.

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IDEOLOGICAL motives were based on cultural values such as the belief that the white race was superior, other cultures were "primitive," Europeans should "civilize" peoples in other parts of the world, great nations should have empires, and only the strongest nations survive.

Placard	Describe what you see	Symbol of Motive	Why you chose this motive
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