

Motives of Imperialism

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Why Imperialism?

Five Motives

1. **Economic**: to make money
2. **Political**: expand territorial powers
3. **Religious**: spread Christianity
4. **Exploratory**: adventure & research
5. **Ethnocentrism**: the belief that your own culture is better than others

Imperialism Motives

Directions

1. Read the information on each motive and summarize it on the chart in your packet.

Economic Motives

The Industrial Revolution led to a huge demand for raw materials so countries could make more

The Industrial Revolution caused a huge demand for new overseas markets to sell their finished goods

Having numerous colonies in Africa & Asia helped fuel the Industrial Revolution

Political Motives

Nationalism in Europe meant that each nation wanted to become the most powerful

Having a lot of overseas colonies showed power

This turned into an all-out race for the best & most numerous colonies in Africa & Asia

Religious Motives

Christian missionaries wanted to convert the “uncivilized” natives in the world by creating churches, schools, & hospitals

Exploratory Motives

Europeans wanted to explore territory that was. to them. unknown.

Sometimes they did this for the purpose of medical or scientific research.

At other times, they did it for the sense of adventure.

Very similar to the “Glorv” motive for Exploration we learned about last semester.

Ethnocentric Motives

Europeans believed in an idea called “Social Darwinism” that argued that whites were the most evolved & superior race

Europeans believed in the “white man’s burden” that they had a responsibility to civilize the world