**Mini-Q: European Imperialism in Africa**

For the 300 years between 1500 and 1800, European nations traded for slaves, gold, and ivory along the west coast of Africa, but they did not go deeply into the continent. In the 1800s this changed as European explorers pushed their way into the interiors of western and central Africa. By the 1880s Africa was under full assault as European nations competed with one another for control of the continent.

**Central Historical Question:** What was the motivation behind European Imperialism in Africa?

**Background Essay**

**Directions:** Independently read the background essay provided and answer the following questions.

**Guided Questions**

1. Between 1500 and 1800 what was the main reason Europeans did not enter the interior of Africa?
2. What is the difference between ending the slave trade and ending slavery?

1. What percentage of Africa had been colonized by 1870?
2. When was the Berlin Conference and what did it do?
3. What role did Africans play in the Berlin Conference?
4. Define the following terms:
   1. Imperialism:
   2. Rule of Occupation:
   3. Free Trade:

**What were the motivations for African Imperialism?**

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**Document Analysis**

**Directions:** Use the guided questions to analyze the document set at each station. Then fill in the evidence chart for that document set.

**Document A – Partition of Africa, 1884-85 (Map)**

1. How many European countries held African colonies by 1884?
2. Which two European countries held the most African colonies?
3. By 1885, which two African countries were the only ones to remain independent?
4. Which of the three motivations behind European imperialism does this document explain? Choose ONE piece of evidence to explain your answer.

**Document B – National Pride**

1. What does Ruskin say England must do to be again a “source of light, a center of peace?”
2. What does Ruskin say should be the colonists first goal in colonizing Africa?
3. According to Fabri, what were Germany’s strengths when it was “at peak of the states in Europe?”
4. Why does Fabri believe that Germany needs to acquire colonies?
5. Which of the three motivations behind European imperialism does this document explain? Choose ONE piece of evidence to explain your answer.

**Document C – Technology and Imperialism (Chart)**

1. Which technological advancement cured a tropical disease?
2. Which technological advancement gave European armies an advantage over African armies?
3. Which of the inventions do you think would have been the most important for spreading European influence in Africa?
4. Which of the three motivations behind European imperialism does this document explain? Choose ONE piece of evidence to explain your answer.

**Document D – Selected African Colonies and their Exports (Chart)**

1. What European industries benefited from African resources?
2. If you owned a textile mill, which colony or colonies would you want your country to rule? Explain.
3. The Age of Imperialism came immediately after the Industrial Revolution. What is the connection between the two?
4. Which of the three motivations behind European imperialism does this document explain? Choose ONE piece of evidence to explain your answer.

**Document E – Great Britain and South Saharan Africa Imports and Exports, 1854 and 1900 (Chart)**

1. How much money did Great Britain make from exports to South Saharan Africa in 1854? In 1900?
2. Describe the difference between Great Britain’s imports from and exports to Africa in 1854 and 1900. Circle the year below that experienced a higher growth rate.
   1. 1854:
   2. 1900:
3. According to this chart, how was Great Britain benefiting from its African colonies?
4. Which of the three motivations behind European imperialism does this document explain? Choose ONE piece of evidence to explain your answer.

**Document F – The White Man’s Burden**

1. Who is Kipling talking to when he says, “Send forth the best ye breed?”
2. Who does Kipling mean when he refers to “Your new-caught, sullen peoples, Half-devil and half-child?”
3. What does Kipling mean when he commands, “Fill full the mouth of Famine and bid the sickness cease?”
4. What does the title “White Man’s Burden” mean?
5. Which of the three motivations behind European imperialism does this document explain? Choose ONE piece of evidence to explain your answer.

**A.C.E.S. Practice Graphic Organizer**

Directions:Please choose ONE motivation to write about in your ACES writing practice. Use evidence from the documents to fill in the graphic organizer below to practice the A.C.E.S. + C writing protocol, use at least THREE pieces of evidence from the documents or notes, and complete sentences.

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| **Prompt:** Explain and analyze one of the following motivations behind European Imperialism in Africa: political competition, cultural attitudes, or economics. | |
| **ACES** | **Your Writing** |
| **ANSWER in a complete sentence:** |  |
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| **EXPLANATION for CITED Evidence #3:** |  |
| **SUMMARY:** |  |

**A.C.E.S. + C Writing Practice**

**Directions:** Please answer the prompt below using the A.C.E.S. + C writing protocol, at least TWO pieces of evidence from the documents, complete sentences, and paragraph form.

***Explain and analyze ONE of the following motivations behind European Imperialism in Africa: political competition, cultural attitudes, or economics.***

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