

Imperialism

Standard 10.4 Describe the rise of industrial economies and their link to imperialism and colonialism (e.g., the role played by national security and strategic advantage; moral issues raised by the search for national hegemony, Social Darwinism, and the missionary impulse; material issues such as land, resources, and technology).

Analyzing Imperial Motives

With your partner create a symbol for each imperial motive.

Each Visual (Record your responses on your matrix)

1. Describe what you see
2. Symbol of Motive
3. Why You Chose this Motive(s)

5 Imperial Motives

ECONOMIC

Symbol

Economic motives included the desire to **make money**, to expand and **control** foreign trade, to create **new markets** for products, to acquire **raw materials** and **cheap labor**, to compete for **investments** and resources, and to export industrial **technology** and transportation methods.

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POLITICAL

Symbol

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

Symbol

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

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EXPLORATORY

Symbol

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.

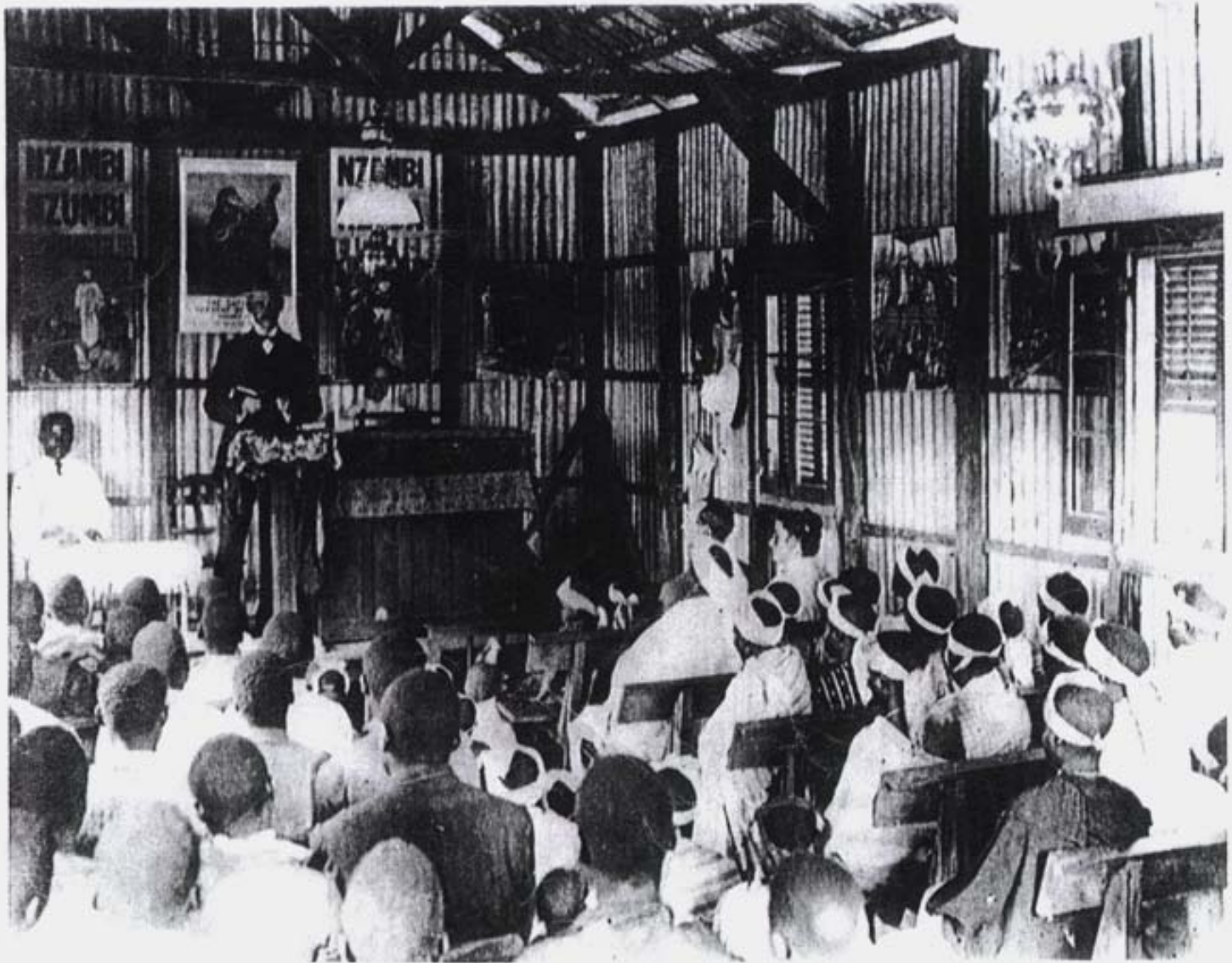
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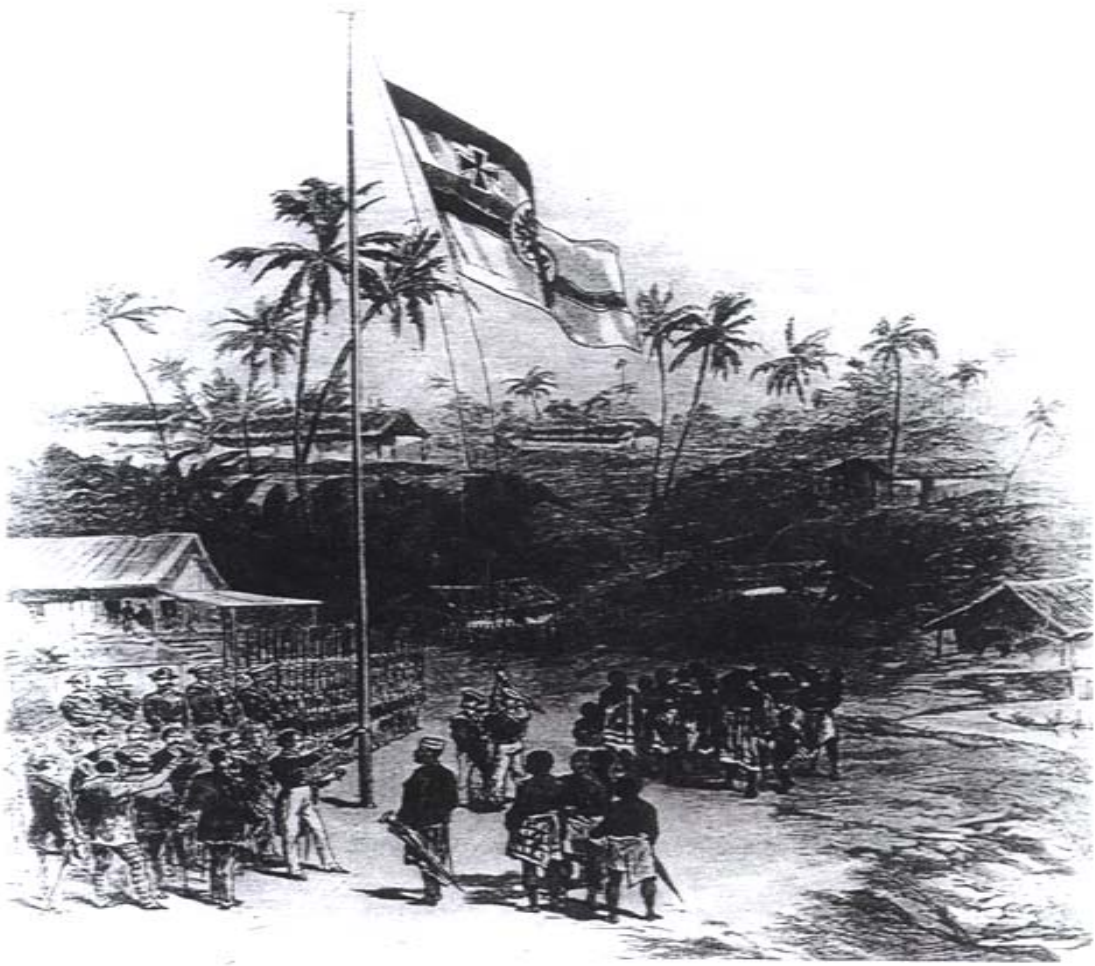
IDEOLOGICAL

Symbol

Ideological motives were based on **cultural values** such as the belief that the **white** race was **superior**, or **other cultures** were “**primitive**,” Europeans **should “civilize”** people in other parts of the world, **great nations should have empires**, and only the **strongest nations will survive**. (Social Darwinism-Survival of the fittest)

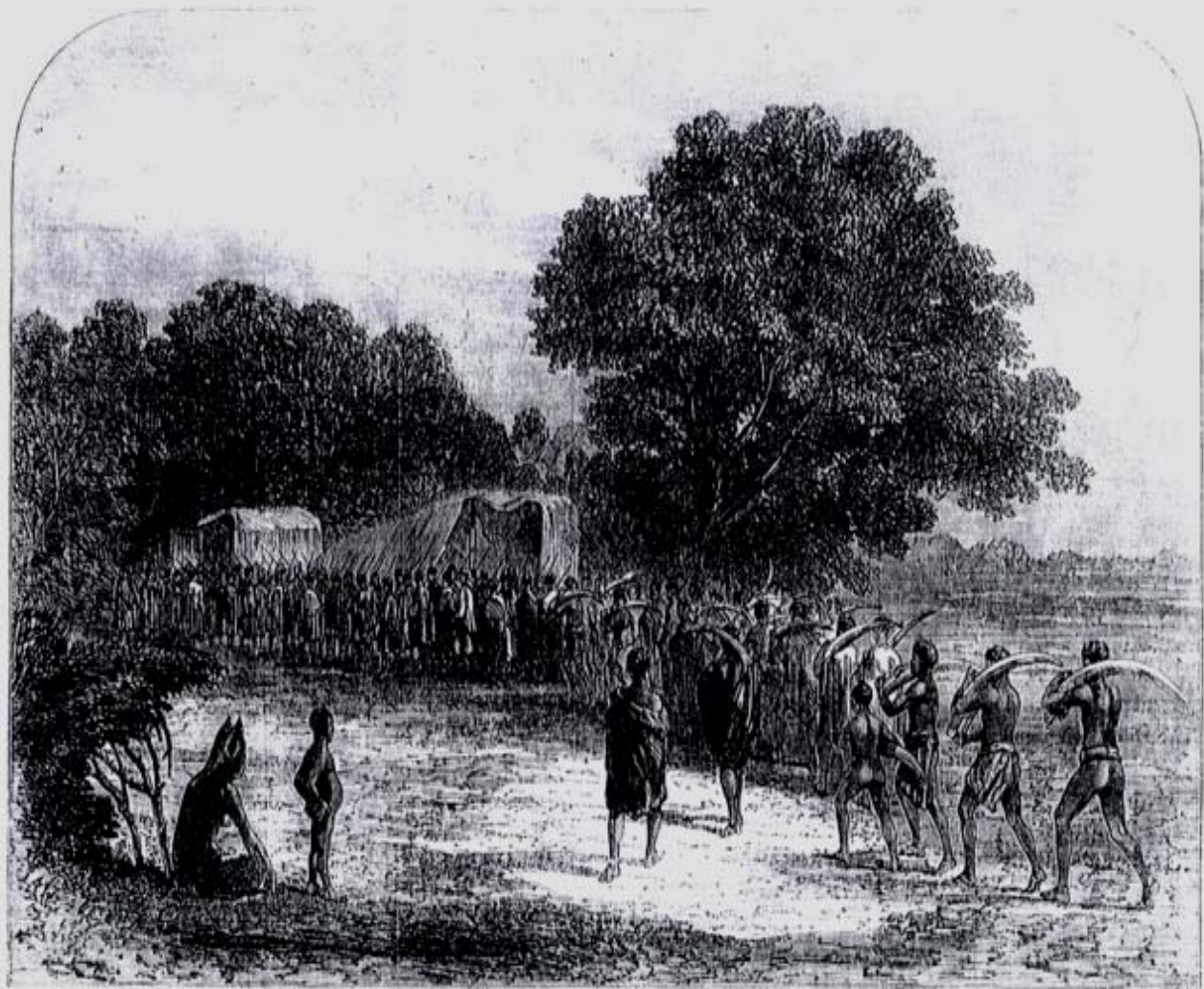






As yet the Congo basin is a blank, a fruitless waste, a desolate and unproductive area.... It has been our purpose to fill this blank with life, to redeem this waste, to plant and sow that the dark man may gather, to vivify the wide, wild lands so long forgotten by Europe. But cursed be he or they who, animated by causeless jealousy and a spirit of mischief, will compel us to fire our station, destroy our work so conspicuously begun, and abandon Africa to its pristine helplessness and savagery.

–Henry Stanley, 1882

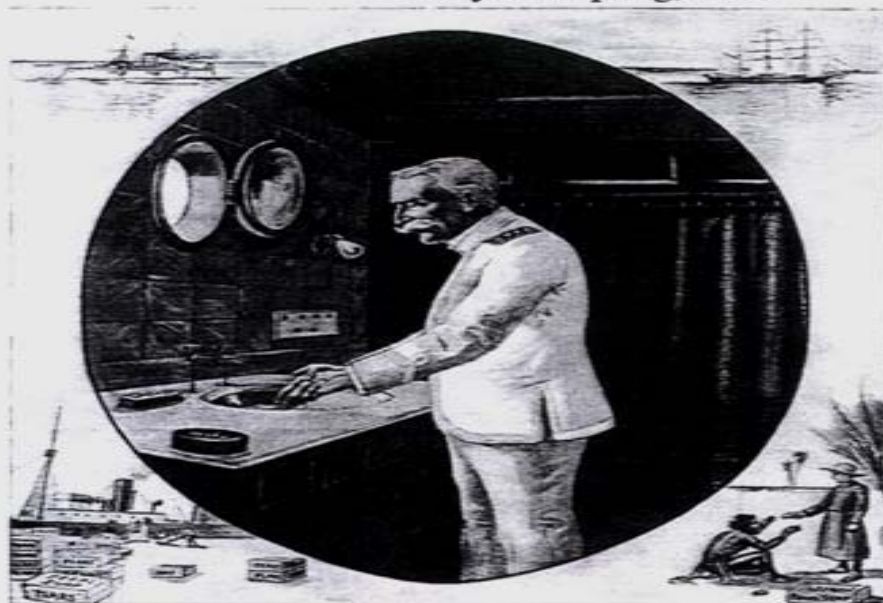




Excerpt from *The White Man's Burden*

Take up the White Man's Burden—
Send forth the best ye breed—
Go bind your sons to exile—
To serve your captives' need;
To wait in heavy harness,
On fluttered fold and wild—
Your new-caught, sullen peoples,
Half-devil and half-child.

—Rudyard Kipling, 1899



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The Partition of China

THE Heathen Chinee! The Heathen Chinee!
 What a channel for Christian Expansion is he.
 Then Ho! for the Flowery Land of the East,
 Like vultures we'll swoop on the promising feast.
 Commission your Navies, ye Nations so free,
 To bear the true light to the Heathen Chinee.

If Russia 'makes converts,' it's perfectly clear
 We need for 'converting' a well-defined sphere;
 If Germany's 'missions' hold meetings for prayer,
 So Christian a work 'tis our duty to share.
 Incidentally, too, there is cash to be made;
 There's naught like Religion to stimulate Trade.

Them come all ye Teachers and Preachers and Fighters,
 Backed up by the Press and its wonderful writers,
 Let's give to this darkened and downtrodden nation
 A touch of the blessings of Civilisation.
 And our Christian 'Maxims' will work, you will see,
 A change for the good in that Heathen Chinee.



"The Heathen Chinee! The Heathen Chinee!"





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THE RHODES COLOSSUS, A STATUE OF THE GIGANTIC HERO OF THE TITANS, WAS UNVEILED IN 1882 AT THE PORT OF RHODES, GREECE. THE STATUE WAS DESIGNED BY THE SCULPTOR BENJAMIN LUDOVICUS AND WAS THE WORK OF THE GREAT ARTIST PHIDIAS.

I beg to direct your attention to Africa; I know that in a few years I shall be cut off in that country, which is now open: Do not let it be shut again! I go back to Africa to try to make an open path for commerce and Christianity; do you carry out the work which I have begun. *I leave it with you!*

-David Livingstone, 1857

ODY
ON
HIS
THE
AGE

BROUGHT BY FAITHFUL HANDS
OVER LAND AND SEA
HERE RESTS
DAVID LIVINGSTONE,
MISSIONARY,
TRAVELLER,
PHILANTHROPIST,
BORN MARCH 19. 1813,
AT BLANTYRE, LANARKSHIRE,
DIED MAY 1. 1873,
AT CHITAMBO'S VILLAGE, ULALA.

FOR 30 YEARS HIS LIFE WAS SPENT
IN AN UNWEARIED EFFORT
TO EVANGELIZE THE NATIVE RACES,
TO EXPLORE THE UNDISCOVERED SECRETS,
TO ABOLISH THE DESOLATING SLAVE TRADE
OF CENTRAL AFRICA,
WHERE WITH HIS LAST WORDS HE WROTE,
"ALL I CAN ADD IN MY SOLITUDE, IS,
MAY HEAVEN'S RICH BLESSING COME DOWN
ON EVERY ONE, AMERICAN, ENGLISH, OR TURK,
WHO WIKK HELP TO HEAL
THE GREAT SORE OF THE WORLD."

"OTHER SHEEP I HAVE, WHICH ARE NOT OF THIS FOLD:
THEY ALSO I MUST BRING, AND THEY SHALL HEAR MY VOICE!"

"TANTUS AMOR VERI, NIHIL EST QUOD NOSCERE MALIM,
QUAM FLUVII CAUSAS PER SECULA TANTA LATENTES."

Epitaph on Next Slide

Brought by faithful hands over land and sea,
Here rests David Livingstone, Missionary,
Traveller, Philanthropist. Born March 19, 1813,
at Blantyre, Lanarkshire. Died May 1, 1873, at
Chitambo's Village, Ulala. For 30 years his life
was spent in an unwearied effort to evangelize
the native races, to explore the undiscovered
secrets, to abolish the desolating slave trade, of
Central Africa, where with his last words he
wrote, "All I can add in my solitude, is, May the
Heaven's rich blessing come down on everyone,
American, English, or Turk, who will help to
heal this open sore of the world."

