

## Imperialism Inquiry Lesson

**KEY CONCEPT 3.5** A variety of motives and methods led to the intensification of European global control and increased tensions among the Great Powers.

You will be working with your group to develop evidence for each of the following statements:

Resources: Pages 759-768, FRQ 4 Notes (note pack), [Heart of Darkness \(on-line\)](#), [Scramble for Africa Podcast \(On-line\)](#), [BRIA – Sudan \(on-line\)](#)

CONTEXT: Working with your group describe the context in which imperialism occurred in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries (think about the key political, economic and social changes occurring at that time)

**3.5.II. Industrial and technological developments facilitated European control of global empires.**

**A. The development of advanced weaponry invariably ensured the military superiority of Europeans over colonized areas.**

EVIDENCE – What technologies/where were they used – name the conflict or colony

EXPLANATION – How did these technologies ensure military superiority of Europeans over colonized areas?

**B. Communication and transportation technologies allowed for the creation of European empires.**

EVIDENCE – What specific technologies/where were they used – name the region or colony

EXPLANATION – How did these technologies allow for the creation or expansion of European empires?

**C. Advances in medicine supported European control of Africa and Asia by preserving European lives.**

EVIDENCE – What medicines/where were they used – name the region or colony

EXPLANATION – Why did using this new medicine allow Europeans to expand their reach?

3.5.III. Imperial endeavors significantly affected society, diplomacy, and culture in Europe and created resistance to foreign control abroad.

**A. Imperialism created diplomatic tensions among European states that strained alliance systems.**

EVIDENCE – name one or more crises/conferences that put strains on the alliance system

EXPLANATION – Why did the new imperialism increase tensions between European nations?

**B. Imperial encounters with non-European peoples influenced the styles and subject matter of artists and writers and provoked debate over the acquisition of colonies.**

EVIDENCE – What debates/controversies developed about European acquisition of colonies – name at least one specific colony that caused a debate

EXPLANATION – Why did debates develop about European acquisition of colonies?

**C. As non-Europeans became educated in Western values, they challenged European imperialism through nationalist movements and/or by modernizing their own economies and societies.**

EVIDENCE – Describe one example of a colony that responded to imperialism by developing its own nationalist movement

EVIDENCE – Describe one example of a colony that responded to imperialism by modernizing its own economy and/or society

REFLECTION QUESTION: If you were in one of the societies being colonized by the Europeans in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, how would you have responded and why?

SYNTHESIS – Explain how European Imperialism was similar to American Imperialism in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.