

### Background Essay Questions

1. Between 1500 and 1800 what was a main reason Europeans did not enter the interior of Africa
2. What is the difference between ending the slave trade and ending slavery?
3. What is the connection between a man like Mungo Park and imperialism?
4. What percentage of Africa had been colonized by 1870?
5. What likely explains the poor standing of Leopold II among historians today?
6. When was the Berlin Conference and what did it do?
7. What place were Africans given at the conference table in Berlin?

### Define the following terms:

- Malaria-
- Imperialism-
- Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade-
- Forced Labor-
- Rule of Occupation-
- Free Trade-

## Hook Exercise: Is Imperialism Ever Justified?

**Directions:** *Imperialism* is an action by a strong nation to take control of another country. For example, the United States was practicing imperialism when it took control of the Philippines in 1899. Throughout history, nations have turned to imperialism for a variety of reasons. Below are five different scenarios, each presenting a different reason for taking control of a country. Next to each scenario check whether imperialistic action is justified, sometimes justified, or never justified. In each case, provide your rationale, the reasons behind your thinking.

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Scenario	Justified	Sometimes Justified	Never Justified	Rationale
1. National security: The colonized island country has deepwater ports for refueling the mother country's navy and merchant marine. It also has an airfield.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. National economy and energy independence: The colonized country has much needed oil reserves.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Moral duty: The colonized country has a poor, uneducated population that needs roads, schools, and hospitals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Establishing religious freedom: The colonized country is ruled by a brutal theocracy. Christians, Muslims, Hindus, and Jews are denied freedom of worship upon pain of death.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Establishing political freedom: The colonized country is run by a tyrant who denies free elections and imprisons all critics.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	