

## Hist. 2c, L 13: Imperialism and Africa

What did Imperialism look like as practiced by Japan and by Belgium in Africa?

1. Kirsten on Imperialism in Japan
2. Comments about 2nd paper assignment
3. Film clip & "White Man's Burden"
4. Big concepts recap: Three ISMs
5. Imperialism in Africa (WTWA 742-747):  
King Leopold II's Congo colony exposed

## Goals of 2nd Paper Assignment

- Research: Get to the bottom of "the facts"
  - Find and assess the sources
  - Are they within the realm of the possible?
  - Truth is NEITHER random NOR absolute: **range**
- Theory: Connection to course
  - Use concepts (paradigms, types of history, EIEIO)
  - Framework: world-historical perspective
- Skills
  - Research: getting data (*same across disciplines!*)
  - Analysis & interpretation of data -> information
  - Presentation of results

## Elements of Paper

1. Short, careful summary/description of event
  - lecture, book lecture, film, ...
  - content = evidence
  - the author's argument (thesis)  
What did s/he want you to learn
2. The aspect you will examine: a question
  - when you are done: *your* thesis
3. The results of your research: evidence
  - both supporting and contradictory
4. Your conclusion
  - how your evidence supports your thesis

## 2nd Paper Tips

- Advice on [2c Events page](#)
  - sample papers
- Tips
  - Keep your topic focused
  - Do not editorialize  
(not opinion, but arguments based on evidence)
  - Different topics will require different approaches
  - Keep your question narrow & focused on facts
- In section this week: present event theses, figure out possible theses for your paper

## Academic Dishonesty/citations

- **Plagiarism** is presenting someone else's work as your own, or failing to credit or attribute the work of others on whom you draw (includes materials found on the web)
- **Academic dishonesty** includes submitting the same work for two different courses without explicit approval from your instructor.
- **Citations:** see Rampolla, *Pocket Guide*, ch. 6 & 7
  - When to quote, how to quote (with example)
  - 2-4 **outside** sources (not textbook)
  - Wikipedia: If you use it, cite it; but it must be confirmed

## "Scramble for Africa," 1880s



1300s-1600s

1880-1939

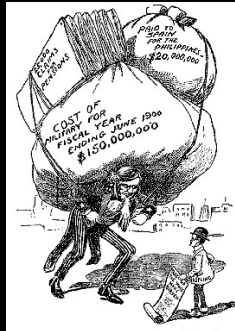
## Film clip, 6 mins.

- PBS 2000: "Wonders of Africa" by Harvard Prof. Henry Louis Gates, jr.
  - "The Road to Timbuktu" (46:00-52:00)
- Mali: advanced civilization (cf. Great Zimbabwe)
  - 1100s: founded ("port on edge of sea of sand")
  - 1500s: peak as a cultural center--university
- Whose books are they? Who should care for them? ("untranslated and unknown...")



American Progress by John Gast, circa 1872.

## "White Man's Burden" cartoons



- G: "scientific colonization"
- Fr: "mission civilisatrice"
- B: "dominate to serve"

## Kipling: The White Man's Burden

McClure's Magazine, Feb. 1899

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 folk and wild--  
Your new-caught sullen peoples,  
Half devil and half child.

Take up the White Man's burden--  
The savage wars of peace--  
Fill full the mouth of Famine,  
And bid the sickness cease;  
And when your goal is nearest  
(The end for others sought)  
Watch sloth and heathen folly  
Bring all your hope to nought.

Take up the White Man's burden--  
In patience to abide,  
To veil the threat of terror  
And check the show of pride;  
By open speech and simple,  
An hundred times made plain,  
To seek another's profit  
And work another's gain.

Take up the White Man's burden--  
No iron rule of kings,  
But toil of serf and sweeper--  
The tale of common things.  
The ports ye shall not enter,  
The roads ye shall not tread,  
Go, make them with your living  
And mark them with your dead.

## Bruce Grit in The Colored American (Wash, D.C.), Feb. 25, 1899

Why talk of the white man's burden;  
What burdens hath he borne  
That have not been shared by the  
black man  
From the day creation dawned?

Why talk of the white man's burden,  
Why boast of the white man's power  
When the black man's load is heavier,  
And increasing every hour?

Why taunt us with our weakness,  
Why boast of your brutal strength;  
Know ye not that the children of  
meekness  
Shall inherit the earth -- at length?

"Take up the white man's burden!"  
What burdens doth he bear,  
That have not been borne with  
courage  
By brave men everywhere?

Then why the white man's burden?  
What more doth he bear than we --  
The victims of his power and greed  
From the great lakes to the sea?

## What is Imperialism?

- direct economic (& political) control of one country by another
- compare mercantilism (WTWA, p. 559)
- British East India company (joint stock & gov't monopoly, in China to 1834)