The Quest for Empire: Analyzing European Motives

History Alive Activity WH-10-1, Activity 3.2



Slide A: Open-shaft diamond mining at Kimberley, South Africa, in 1872



Slide B: A Methodist Sunday School at Guiongua, Angola, in 1925



Slide C: Germans taking possession of Cameroon in 1881

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

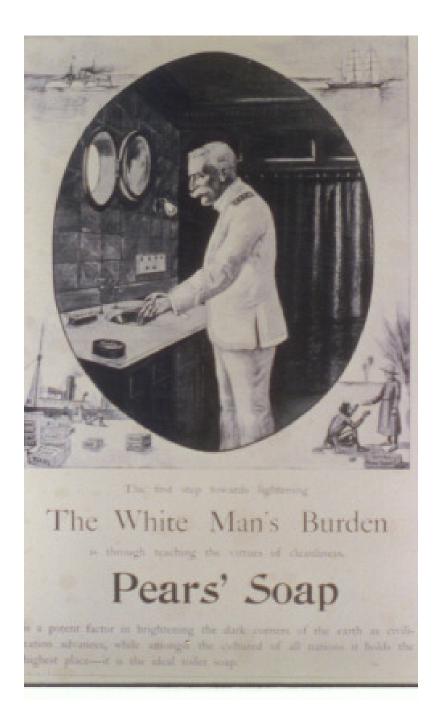
Slide D: Quote from explorer Henry Stanley in 1882



Slide E: Africans bringing ivory to the wagons in South Africa, c. 1860



Slide F: Sketch map of Central Africa, showing Dr. Livingstone's exploration



Slide G: An advertisement for Pears'
Soap from the 1890s, and one stanza of
the British poet Rudyard Kipling's poem, *The White Man's Burden*, written in
1899



Slide H: Mrs. Maria C. Douglas, doctor and missionary, and the first class of pupil nurses in Burma, in 1888



Slide I: British cartoon showing the Chinese being savaged by European powers, and the poem *The Partition of China*, 1897



Slide J: Bagged groundnuts in pyramid stacks in West Africa



Slide K: French capture of the citadel of Saigon, Vietnam



Slide L: British Lipton Tea advertisement in the 1890s



Slide M: British cartoon "The Rhodes Colossus," showing Cecil Rhodes' vision of making Africa "all British from Cape to Cairo," 1892

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Slide N: Epitaph and quote from missionary and explorer David Livingstone



Slide O: An imperial yacht passing through the Suez Canal in Egypt at the opening of the canal in 1870