

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

Written as a response of the Treaty of Paris, Kipling urged the USA to take up the burden as England and Europe did. The term white man's burden became a stock phrase to justify the exploitation of the colonies as well as the new pseudo-science phrenology: it claimed that biological features of each group determined also their social-attributes.

Kipling encourages American people saying that the mission will require the best men, they will be basically exiled and made to serve a foreign people ~~who~~ that they themselves conquered. Kipling explains that even if it seems like a paradox, they have the responsibility to civilize that country. In the third stanza is introduced one of the main themes: duality between peace and war. In the 5th stanza the author lays out that non-whites will always respond with spite and blame, and they will cry against their teachings.