

# 1 | Mason, Ch 8

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=> Imperialism: advanced contry control weak one

- Imperialism: driven by competition + diplomacy.
- Europeans had massive land control at the height of imperialism.
- But! Imperialism was short; African nationalism sprung up quickly.

## 1.1 | Rise of Imperialism

**CLAIM: Reasons for african scramble: national pride, stsrategic competition, new markets, raw material, and labor!** => Used colonies as effective tax-evasion zones free of tariffs

- European depression from 1873-1890 became the drive for overseas imperialistic ventures.
- Also, Europeans felt taking over other countries is also humanitarian.
- Self-imposed tariffs lead to "economic protectionism, which furthered the decline in trade
- Thayer Mahan recognized the importance of having a navy to colonization (Big Brit Navy => Big Brit Colony); so, Amercia and Germany beefed up tehir navy and began a series of naval-based conquests.
- **Social darwinism:** the survival of the fittest applies to natinos — hence advocates for imperilasm
- Spread of imperialism began from spain => French => dutch => England.
- communists claimed that imperialism is the natural consiquence of capitalism
- First to colonize is the first to rebel. Case and point: Amercia.

### 1.1.1 | The History

- Africa was largely unexplored before the 19th century — before, africa was only "exploited" by means of slave trade.
- Construction of the Suez canal created a boom in shipping.
- Belgian king Leopold's assigment of journalist Henry Stanley established the Congo Free State.
- Alarmed, other nations joined in and established guidelines for how to divide the continent into effective sizes.
- 2 countries spared from the scramble: Ethiopia, a native empire, and Liberia: a colony for freed american slaves.
- the dutch Boers and the british fought over who cotrolled South Africa and surrounding diamond mines. Eventually, the brits won.

## 1.2 | Asia

- British Asian colonization: India! Rich source of manpower and resources.
- The French took Vietnam, but strong nationalism drove them out in the 1950s.
- Pressure from all fronts led China to establish interlocking treaties that gave Europeans de facto control to key trade regions. => CLAIM: this eventually led to the death of China, the Empire

## 1.3 | Models and Results of Imperialism

- European colonizations usually started with Nationally chartered exploratory companies (think: BEIC); eventually, governments take over.
- through imperialism, European culture became the dominant viewpoint in much of the southern hemisphere.
- Cities show up, and so did production of cash crops + a cash economy.
- European education stimulated literacy.
- European colonization created weak governments when independence finally was achieved.
- Direct effect of imperialism: land holdings and timezones.
- After the rapid de-colonization in the 20th century, the Third World was established and CLAIM: was pivotal during the cold war.
- European thinking led to European nationalist ideals, which CLAIM: contributed to the downfall of European colonies.

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- About the **scramble for Africa** and the imperialist movement
- Today: all of Imperialism!
- The Scramble for Africa, w.r.t the Congo
  - Hand Cutting! A mechanism to meet the quota of cartridge use and as a mechanism of defense
- IR Caused science and tech advancements
  - Steel + the steam engine => the core driver of technology - Think! The Eiffel tower: the celebration of the 1889 world's fair to create a celebration of steel
  - The telegraph — communication across continents => Post office would be delivered as part of the mail
  - Standardized oil and the natural rubber
  - 1870s-1876 — electricity and the telephone: enabled real-time communication
  - 1884 — Standardization of time, and created the official prime meridian at Greenwich
  - American timezones were messy and city-based, which was later standardized
  - Rhodesia

- \* Connected telegraph between two different regions — cape town to chair
- Archeology/Paleontology/Museums/Science
  - \* 1812 — establishment of the Elgin marbles from Greece
  - \* 1829 — Institute for Archeological Correspondence: create the basis of first organized science
  - \* 1830 — Establishment and justification of racial divide w.r.t. "self study" and "scientific exploration"
  - \* 1859 — Darwin (about here is where scientific racism started, ala "development of men")
  - \* 1858 — cell theory
  - \* 1840 — dinosaurs!
  - \* 1864 — establishment of the concept of the Eugenics and the process of forced sterilization
  - \* 1869 — the Periodic table

"The White-Man's Burden" — the idea that the white man is racially superior and should go into the "less developed" region and bring the people into civilization