**The Scramble for Africa, India, Asia, Latin America, and Mexico**

**Directions:** In small groups, you and your partners will research a region of Africa, India, Latin America, and Mexico affected by western imperialism. You and your partners will need to use your textbooks to answer specific questions concerning your region of Africa. Once you and your partners have completed your research, you will prepare a presentation informing the class of your topic. Your groups’ researched information must be presented on a poster.

**Topics:**

* French in N. Africa
* British in N. Africa
* Competition in West, Central, and East Africa
* Competition in S. Africa
* British in India
* Japanese Imperialism
* Competition in S.E. Asia
* U.S. in the Pacific
* American Imperialism: Spanish American war and Panama Canal
* America in Mexico

**Rubric:**

1. Information/Research (20 points)
   1. All questions must be answered, and information needs to be thorough and accurate.
2. Map (10points)
   1. You must identify your topics regions on a map.
3. Visual Aid (20 points)
   1. Your poster be neat and orderly and highlight important information.
4. Presentation (20 points)
   1. All questions need to be discussed aloud, and all presenters must speak.
5. Pictures/Political Cartoon (10 points)
   1. Each poster must include at least one picture and one political cartoon.

Imperialism Question Packet

#1 The French in N. Africa:

* What states did France control?
* Who did they take these states from?
* What type of colonial control was exerted over these states? (settlement, dependent, protectorate, or sphere of influence)
* Why did France want to control these states?
* Did the people of these states like France’s imperialism?

#2 The British in N. Africa:

* What states did the British control?
* What was the Suez Canal controversy?
* How did the British come to control Egypt and why did it lead to Egypt’s control over the Sudan?
* What did the Sudan region become known as?
* What type of imperial control was exerted over these states?
* Did the people of these states like Great Britain’s imperialism?

#3 Competition in West, Central, and East Africa:

* Why did Europeans want to control W. Africa?
* Did the people of W. Africa like Imperialism?
* Who fueled the European interest in Central Africa?
* What king ruled the Congo region as a private citizen?
* Why was the rule of the Congo considered imperialism at its worse?
* What event helped Europeans colonize E. Africa?

#4 Competition in S. Africa:

* What country originally ruled S. Africa?
* What did the above country’s settlement eventually become known as?
* Who took this colony over?
* What was the Great Trek and who were the Boers? (Be sure to mention Afrikaans.)
* What find helped to increase competition between Western countries in S. Africa?
* Who helped Great Britain control and dominate S. Africa?
* What was the Boer war and who won?
* Did the British treat the people of S. Africa fairly?

#5 British in India:

* Who controlled India in the mid-1800s?
* Who took control of India after the revolts of 1857?
* What was the policy of Divide and Rule used by the British in India?
* How did the British “improve” India?
* How did the British view themselves in comparison to the Indian people?
* What 2 groups emerged in the late 1800s calling for self-rule? (Be sure to explain each group's differences in achieving independence.)

#6 Japanese Imperialism:

* What was the Meiji Restoration?
* How did the Meiji Restoration change Japan?
* Why did Japan begin to Imperialize?
* Why was Japan able to Industrialize so quickly?
* What Asian country did Japan want to control?
* How did Japan gain the above country? (Be sure to mention the Sino-Japanese war.)
* What other regions did Japan win as a result of the Sino-Japanese?

#7 Competition in S.E. Asia:

* Why did the Europeans want to Imperialize SE Asia?
* What 2 colonies did Great Britain control?
* Why did Great Britain want to control these areas?
* What was the name of France’s colonial holdings in SE Asia?
* What are the modern day countries that were once a part of the region above?
* Why was Siam able to keep its independence?
* What was the name of the Dutch’s colonial holding in SE Asia?

#8 U.S. in the Pacific:

* How did the U.S. come to control much of the Samoa Islands?
* Why were the Hawaiian Islands important to the U.S.?
* Did the Hawaiian people want the U.S. in Hawaii?
* Why were the U.S. and Spanish fighting over the Philippines?
* Did the Spanish or the Americans win the Philippines?
* Did the Philippines welcome the U.S.?

#9 American Imperialism: Spanish American war and Panama Canal:

* Why was the U.S. and Europe interested in Latin America?
* Why were Americans alarmed by Cuba and Spain’s relationship?
* Why did the U.S. declare war on the Spanish? (Be sure to mention the Maine.)
* What was the outcome of the Spanish American war?
* What was the Platt Agreement?
* Why did the U.S. want to build the Panama Canal?
* When was the Panama Canal opened?
* What was the Roosevelt Corollary?

#10 America in Mexico:

* What dictator ruled Mexico in 1910?
* Why did the Mexican people revolt against the above leader?
* Why were Americans concerned about the civil war in Mexico?
* What colorful rebel made the U.S. take the Mexican civil war seriously?
* Why didn’t a war between Mexico and the U.S. take place?