

Chapter 32: The Building of Global Empires Student Notes

Background to Imperialism

1. What does imperialism mean?
2. How did the second industrial revolution help lead to imperialism?
3. How did they justify imperialism?
4. How were the industrialized nations able to dominate so much of the world?

The New Nations

5. Why was imperialism especially dominated by new or newly-powerful nations?
6. How/why did the United States expand its reach in this period?
7. What were the causes and results of the Spanish-American War?

8. What was the Monroe Doctrine? Why did European nations go along with it?
9. How did Japanese dominance increase in this period?

Scramble for Africa

10. Who started it and why?
11. What regions did Britain seize?
12. What happened to the Dutch in S. Africa? How did that affect the natives?
13. What regions did France seize?
14. What happened to Italy in their attempts at African imperialism?
15. What was notable about Leopold of Belgium's quest for rubber in the Congo?
16. What did the Congo Reform Association want, and how did they finally get it?

