

## Major Imperialistic Powers!!!

### The 4 Big Guys...

Belgium  
France  
Great Britain  
Japan

With your powers  
combined I am...  
**CAPTAIN  
IMPERIALISM!**



### Belgium

- The Belgium Revolution occurred in 1830
- Leopold I became King in 1831
- His son \_\_\_\_\_ took power in 1865
- Under their rules Belgium became the **second most important** \_\_\_\_\_!
- After becoming one of the industrialized powers in Europe, Belgium wanted to secure its economic independence by beginning to explore the idea of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Belgium's move into Africa

- Leopold II backed an expedition into the Congo Basin
- During the expedition, contact was made with chiefs in the Congo Basin and a confederation of states was formed.
- Soon after this, the Conference of Berlin was held.

### Conference of Berlin

- After the interior of Africa had been “discovered” by Belgium, many European nations immediately started scrambling into Africa. (Only those who were \_\_\_\_\_)
- The Conference of Berlin was called because many nations were \_\_\_\_\_.
- The outcome of the Conference of Berlin –the “\_\_\_\_\_”.

### The General Act of Berlin States:

- The territory of today's Democratic Republic of the Congo, some two million square kilometers, **was made essentially the property of Léopold II**
- Free trade open to all!
- The Niger and Congo Rivers were made free for ship traffic.
- An international prohibition of the slave trade was signed.
- Any fresh act of taking possession of any portion of the African coast would have to be notified by the power taking possession, or assuming a protectorate, to the other signatory powers.

In the end, Africa was divided between \_\_\_\_\_

### Back to Belgium...

- After the Conference of Berlin, Belgium was able to keep full “ownership” of Congo.
- Belgium proceeded to take resources out of the Congo such as \_\_\_\_\_.

### France

- France's first colonial empire was in the \_\_\_\_\_ and parts of India

### France's second colonial empire

- France took control of areas of SE Asia (Which became French Indonesia)
- France invaded Algeria in 1830 and continued to take on African territory.
- Under the Conference of Berlin, France was granted an east-west axis of the continent (aka Control of east-west Africa)

## **Great Britain**

- The First British colonial empire was in \_\_\_\_\_...the 13 colonies? Remember what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Second British colonial empire**

- After the British lost its colonies in the Americas (American Revolution) they turned their attention elsewhere.
- Who caught their eye?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (became the British island for criminals)
- India, Egypt, parts of SE Asia, and parts of Africa.

## **The sun never sets on the British Empire!**

- Under the Conference of Berlin, Great Britain was awarded a north-south axis of the African continent (aka control of north-south Africa)

## **Japan- with its own sphere of influence...**

- Japan was also known as an imperialistic power at this time.
- Japan's sphere of influence remained mostly in and around \_\_\_\_\_.
- After victories in the Sino-Japanese War and the Russo-Japanese War European nations and the United States recognized Japan as a \_\_\_\_\_.

## **A little later...**

- We will see the effects that imperialism had on the world (both short and long term!).