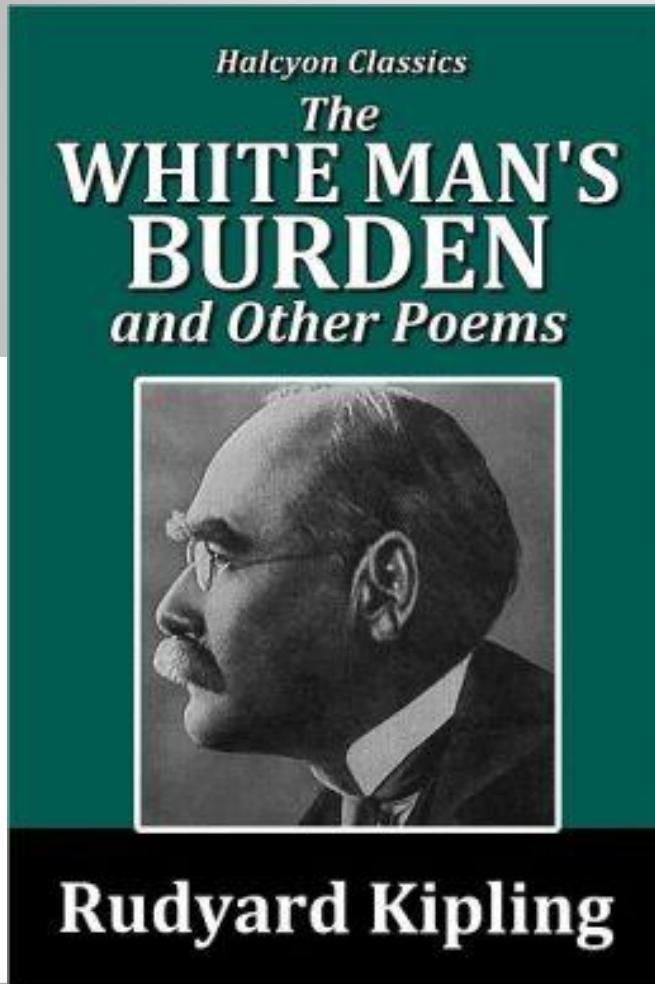


# The White Man's Burden



By Rudyard Kipling  
(1899)

- English writer and Nobel laureate, who wrote novels, poems, and short stories
- You may know some of his work....

## **Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936)**



- Born December 30, 1865, in Bombay (now Mumbai), India, and at age six, was sent to be educated in England.
- Kipling's literary reputation was established by six stories of English life in India, published in India between 1888 and 1889, that revealed his profound identification with, and appreciation for, the land and people of India.
- He traveled extensively in Asia and the United States, married Caroline Balestier, an American, in 1892, lived briefly in Vermont, and finally settled in England in 1903

## Rudyard Kipling



- He received the 1907 Nobel Prize in literature, the first English author to be so honored.
- Kipling died January 18, 1936, in London.

**Rudyard Kipling**



- Kipling is regarded as one of the greatest English short-story writers. As a poet he is remarkable for rhymed verse written in the slang used by the ordinary British soldier.
- His writings consistently project three ideas:
  - Intense patriotism
  - The duty of the English to lead lives of strenuous activity
  - England's destiny to become a great empire.
- His insistent imperialism was an echo of the Victorian past of England.

## Rudyard Kipling



# Instructions:

With your partner, analyze the first stanza of Kipyard's poem in the following way:  
(feel free to use your smart phone for definitions)

## What it says:

- “white man”
- “burden”

## What it means:

- White people; people of European descent
- Something you carry; something that weighs you down

**“Take up the White Man’s burden”**