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**Document 2: Political Cartoon- “The White Man’s Burden”**



Source: [http://ocw.mit.edu/ans7870/21f/21f.027/civilization\\_and\\_barbarism/cb\\_essay02.html](http://ocw.mit.edu/ans7870/21f/21f.027/civilization_and_barbarism/cb_essay02.html)

**Document 3: The People of Canton: Against the English,**

*[Tappan Introduction]: From a paper that was agreed to at a great public meeting in Canton.*

Behold that vile English nation! Its ruler is at one time a woman, then a man, and then perhaps a woman again; its people are at one time like vultures, and then they are like wild beasts, with dispositions more fierce and furious than the tiger or wolf, and natures more greedy than anacondas or swine. These people having long steadily devoured all the western barbarians, and like demons of the night, they now suddenly exalt themselves here.

During the reigns of the emperors Kien-lung and Kia-king these English barbarians humbly besought an entrance and permission to deliver tribute and presents; they afterwards

presumptuously asked to have Chu-san; but our sovereigns, clearly perceiving their traitorous designs, gave them a determined refusal. From that time, linking themselves with traitorous Chinese traders, they have carried on a large trade and poisoned our brave people with opium.

Verily, the English barbarians murder all of us that they can. They are dogs, whose desires can never be satisfied. Therefore we need not inquire whether the peace they have now made be real or pretended. Let us all rise, arm, unite, and go against them.

We do here bind ourselves to vengeance, and express these our sincere intentions in order to exhibit our high principles and patriotism. The gods from on high now look down upon us; let us not lose our just and firm resolution.

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Source: <http://legacy.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1842canton.asp>

From: Eva March Tappan, ed., *China, Japan, and the Islands of the Pacific*, Vol. I of *The World's Story: A History of the World in Story, Song, and Art*, (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1914), p. 197.

## Document 4: Dadabhai Naoroji: The Benefits of British Rule, 1871

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### The Benefits of British Rule for India:

*In the Cause of Humanity:* Abolition of *suttee* and infanticide. Destruction of *Dacoits*, *Thugs*, *Pindarees*, and other such pests of Indian society. Allowing remarriage of Hindu widows, and charitable aid in time of famine. Glorious work all this, of which any nation may well be proud, and such as has not fallen to the lot of any people in the history of mankind.

*In the Cause of Civilization:* Education, both male and female. Though yet only partial, an inestimable blessing as far as it has gone, and leading gradually to the destruction of superstition, and many moral and social evils. Resuscitation of India's own noble literature, modified and refined by the enlightenment of the West.

Politically: Peace and order. Freedom of speech and liberty of the press. Higher political knowledge and aspirations. Improvement of government in the native states. Security of life and property. Freedom from oppression caused by the caprice or greed of despotic rulers, and from devastation by war. Equal justice between man and man (sometimes vitiated by partiality to Europeans). Services of highly educated administrators, who have achieved the above-mentioned results.

*Materially:* Loans for railways and irrigation. Development of a few valuable products, such as indigo, tea, coffee, silk, etc. Increase of exports. Telegraphs.

Generally: A slowly growing desire of late to treat India equitably, and as a country held in trust. Good intentions. No nation on the face of the earth has ever had the opportunity of achieving such a glorious work as this. I hope in the credit side of the account I have done no injustice, and if I have omitted any item which anyone may think of importance, I shall have the greatest pleasure in inserting it. I appreciate, and so do my countrymen, what England has done for India, and I know that it is only in British hands that her regeneration can be accomplished. Now for the debit side.

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Source: <http://legacy.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1871britishrule.asp>

From: Dadabhai Naoroji, *Essays, Speeches, Addresses and Writings*, (Bombay: Caxton Printing Works, 1887), pp. 131-136.

## Document 5: Statistics about Colonialism

### Extent of Colonialism

(1939)

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****	Great Britain	France	Belgium	Netherlands	Germany (1914)
Area in Square Miles	94,000	212,600	11,800	13,200	210,000
Population	45,500,100	42,000,000	8,300,000	8,500,000	67,500,000
Area of Colonies	13,100,000	4,300,000	940,000	790,000	1,100,000
Population of Colonies	470,000,000	65,000,000	13,000,000	66,000,000	13,000,000

**SOURCE:** Mary Evelyn Townsend, *European Colonial Expansion Since 1871* (Chicago: J.P. Lippincott Company, 1941), p. 19

**Percentage of Territories Belonging to the European/US Colonial Powers**

(1900)

<b>Region</b>	<b>Percentage Controlled</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>90.4%</b>
<b>Polynesia</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>56.5%</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Americas</b>	<b>27.2%</b>

**SOURCE: A. Supan, *Die territoriale Entwicklung der Euroaischen Kolonien* (Gotha, 1906), p. 254**

**Source: <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/pol116/colonies.htm>**

Document 6: Political Cartoon- "So Obliging"



Source: <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/~lee33s/classweb/worldpolitics/shorthistory.html>