

# Origins of imperialism

## ¿Qué es?

- Domain extension of one country over another
- METROPOLIS:** conquering country
- COLONY:** conquered territories
- Not new, Spain and Portugal were empires in the sixteenth and seventeenth
- NEW PROTAGONISTS IN NINETEENTH CENTURY**
  - EUROPE:** Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Belgium
  - OUTSIDE EUROPE:** U.S. and Japan
- Europe will own the world

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## Factors that cause Imperialism

- Economic**
  - Big production by the industrial revolutions
  - The colonies became markets where they didn't have to pay taxes and where you could invest capital
  - Colonies offer natural resources and cheap raw materials
- Political**
  - Conquer strategic locations to control major land and sea routes
  - Prestige and national pride of a country
- Demographic** — The population grows causing people to migrate to the colonies
- Ideological**
  - Force racist ideologies, "the white race is superior and therefore can dominate other peoples"
  - Civilizing mission to convert people to Christianity
  - Scientific curiosity: geographical organizations are organized to explore countries and visit them

## The Imperialism transmitted European civilization to the world

- Problems**
  1. Territories delineated powers regardless of tribal differences, linguistic or religious colonies, giving many conflicts.
  2. Metropolis doesn't industrialized colonies, because they were interested only its raw material, the origin of underdevelopment afflicting these areas of the world

## Administration and life of the colonies

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- Administration (3 types)**
  - COLONY:** Submitted by the metropolis and administered by it
  - PROTECTORATES:** The colony continued its policy and the metropolis only exploit its riches.
  - CONCESSIONS:** Country in which the powers get commercial advantages
- Life in the colonies = RACISM**
  - Marriages and Indians are prohibited
  - The white population controlled the economy and lived in other neighborhoods to the Indians.
  - The Indians will be living in poverty and lack of rights

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Increase tensions between powers and threaten peace between them.

## GREAT COLONIAL EMPIRES

- Starts from 1830**
  - ENGLAND:** Start with Queen Victoria I. Their most important colony was Hong Kong India + Gibraltar, Suez ...
  - FRANCE:** Argelia, north Africa, Indochina,...
  - U.S.** — Defeat Spain, and stays with the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Cuba
  - JAPAN** — annexed Korea and Formosa and Manchuria (China)
- 1885 Berlin Conference** — Europe divided Africa
  - GERMANY:** South Africa
  - ITALY:** Tripoli, Somalia,...
  - RUSSIA:** Extends its border to India
- Early nineteenth century** — Imperialist expansion ends. Latin America, fought for independence, economically dependent on European and U.S.