

Age of New Imperialism (Rationale/Explanation/Reasoning) (1800s - 1914)



Journal Activity



Imagine you just conquered or took over another country. No one likes to be conquered or controlled.

What are the reasons you would give to explain your action?

imperialism

Relating to
empire



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Policy of taking over another country or
territory through influence/force;
empire-building

Relating to
race

racism

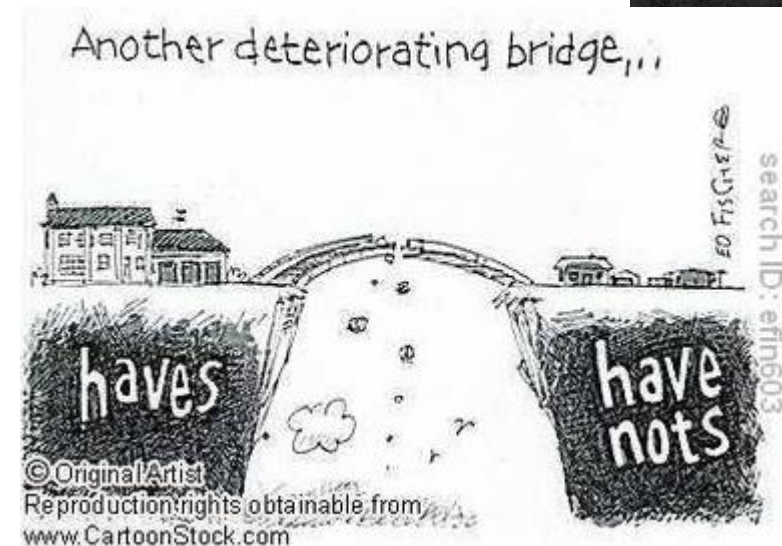
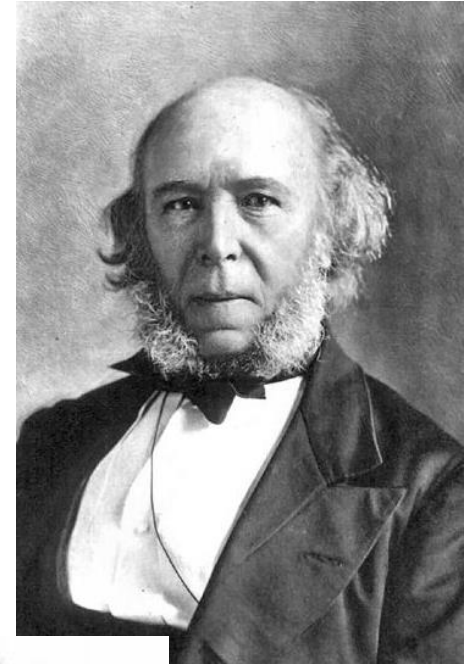
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Idea about race, specifically that there are differences between different groups of people to justify superiority over another

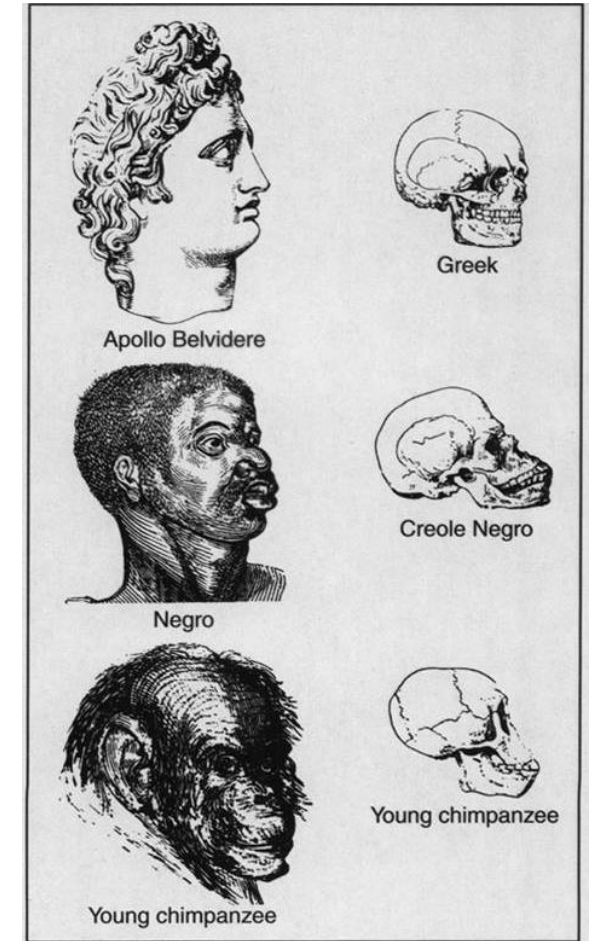
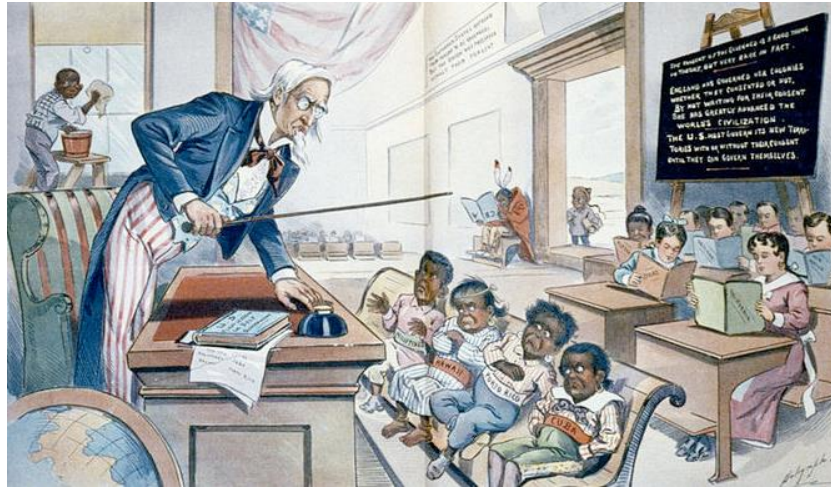
Social Darwinism

- “survival of the fittest”
- Biological evolution to social/economic/political evolution
- Survival of the fittest in the social/economic/political sense
- Nature rewards the strong (rich) and punishes the weak
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Racism

- Lot of influence from Social Darwinism
- Biologically superior
- Cultural superior
 - Industrial Revolution
 - Technology
 - Wealth
- Non-Europeans are below Europeans culturally and physically
- Duty to “civilize” or “westernize” others



“I contend that we [Britons] are the finest race in the world, and the more of the world we inhabit, the better it is for the human race...

It is our duty to seize every opportunity of acquiring more territory and we should keep this one idea steadily before our eyes that more territory simply means more of the Anglo-Saxon race, more of the best, the most human, most honourable race the world possesses.”



Cecil Rhodes (1877, Confession of Faith) British imperialist, businessman, politician.
Established the Rhodes Scholarship