

The “White Man’s Burden”

Central Historical Question:

Should the Westerners be forgiven if their mistreatment of natives was due to the misunderstanding that it was their duty to “to serve [their] captives' need”?

Notes:

Document #1 Rudyard Kipling, The White Man's Burden, 1899

Pre-Read – what do you think the title means?

<p>1. Who Wrote this?</p> <p>2. What are some of the “key” words?</p> <p>3. What were they expressing in their writing?</p>	<p>4. Did he justify the actions of imperialists?</p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>5. How?</p> <p>6. Based on this context, should Europeans be forgiven?</p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>Why?</p>
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Document #2 *The White Man's Burden (Apologies to Kipling)* Victor Gillam 1899

<p>1. Who drew this cartoon?</p> <p>2. What characters did they use?</p> <p>3. What message do you think they were trying to send?</p>	<p>3. Did they support or defend Kipling?</p> <p>4. Based on this context, should Europeans be forgiven? Yes / No</p> <p>Why?</p>
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Document #3 "The White (?) Man's Burden" William H Walker, Life, 1899

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What are the differences between the two different interpretations of the “White Man’s Burden?”

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Importance of assignment: