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Fueling Imperialism

Read the quotes below from supporters of the push for the expansion of imperialism. Once you have read them, you will need write two speeches. The first speech will be in support of imperialism while the second speech must condemn imperialism. Each speech must be at least 3 paragraphs in length and must address the material covered in class.

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| <p>“ For Europe to rule Asia by force for purposes of gain, and to justify that rule by the pretence that she is civilizing Asia and raising her to a higher level of spiritual life, will be judged by history, perhaps to be the crowning wrong of Imperialism. What Asia has to give, her priceless stores of wisdom garnered from her experience through the ages, we refuse to take it; the much or little which we could give we spoil by the brutal manner of our giving. This is what imperialism has done, and is doing, for Asia.”</p> <p>J.A. Hobson, English Author, 1902</p> | <p>“ To sum up the whole, the British rule has been, morally, a great blessing...The natives call the British system “Sakari ki Churi,” the knife of sugar. That is to say, there is no oppression, it is all smooth and sweet, but it is the knife, notwithstanding. I mention this that you should know these feelings. Our great misfortune is that you do not know our wants. For when you do know our wants, I have not the least doubt that you would do justice. The genius and spirit of the British people is fair-play and justice.</p> <p>Dadabhai Naoroji, First Indian elected to British Parliament, 1871</p> | <p>“ Nations are great in our times only by means of the activities which they develop; it is not simply by the peaceful shining forth of institutions...that they are great at this hour...Something else is needed for France...the she must also be a great country exercising all of her rightful influence over the destiny of Europe, that she ought to propagate this influence throughout the world and carry everywhere that she can her language, her customs, her flag, her arms, and her genius.”</p> <p>Jules Ferry, speech given to the National Assembly of France, 1883</p> |
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Notes: Write, in your own words, what each of these three are saying.

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