European Imperialism

Was motivated by

EQ 2-1

Justifications for Imperialism

WMB is a paternalistic racism. This is an excuse to justify actions, not a motive.

White Man’s Burden – It is the ‘job’ of the white man to help other races

Mother country’s economy will benefit since they have more people to sell things to.

New Markets

Political Power

This results in more bases and thus stronger global military presence.

Nationalism- pride in your country or ethnic group. Countries gain prestige when they expand (Ex: Britain)

This CAUSES/motivates imperialism because countries want to look more/most powerful)

Military benefits

SD is pseudo-scientific racism.
It’s an excuse not a motive. They weren’t imperializing to benefit the colonies.

Social Darwinism – Darwin’s work applied to society. Belief that European races are more advanced. Humanity benefits if they take over.

Natural Resources

Mother country’s economy will benefit since they can produce more goods.

Harbors for trade – taking over land opened up new ports for coal refueling of trade ships

This CAUSES an increase in trade routes which leads to Economic Advantages

Economic Advantages

They had the ability to imperialize

* IR
* Slave Trade