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Imperialism Quotes

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. READ EACH QUOTE ALOUD.**
- 2. DISCUSS IDEAS IN QUOTE**
- 3. DECIDE POV: PRO OR ANTI-IMPERIALISM**
- 4. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WRITE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE QUOTE**

"Congress is composed exclusively of men, the chosen representatives of all the men of the nation. Assuming for the sake of argument that this war is ... utterly inexcusable ... it is a Congress of men that has declared it. We must all admit that there is much division of opinion among the women of our acquaintance, while Congress is practically unanimous for war."

-- Alice Stone Blackwell, writing in the pro-suffrage *Woman's Journal*, April 30, 1898

POV:

EXPLANATION:

"Some argue that American rule in the Philippine Islands will result in the better education of Filipinos. Be not deceived. If we expect to maintain a colonial policy, we shall not find it to our advantage to educate the people. The educated Filipinos are now in revolt against us, and the most ignorant ones have made the least resistance to our domination. If we are to govern them without their consent and give them no voice in determining the taxes which they must pay, we dare not educate them, lest they learn to read the Declaration of Independence and constitution of the United States and mock us for our inconsistency."

-- William Jennings Bryan, Speech at the Indianapolis Democratic Convention, 1900.

POV:

EXPLANATION:

"In 1898 we could not help being brought face to face with the problem of war with Spain. All we could decide was whether we should shrink like cowards from the contest, or enter into it as beseemed a brave and high-spirited people; and, once in, whether failure or success should crown our banners. So it is now. We cannot avoid the responsibilities that confront us in Hawaii, Cuba, [Puerto] Rico and the Philippines.... The timid man, the lazy man, the man who distrusts his country, the over-civilized man, who has lost the great fighting, masterful virtues, the ignorant men, and a man of dull mind, whose soul is incapable of feeling the mighty life that thrills 'strong men with empires in their brains' – all these, of course, shrink from seeing the nation undertake its new duties; shrink from seeing us build a navy and an army adequate to our needs; shrink from seeing us do our share of the world's work, by bringing order out of chaos in the great, fair tropic islands from which the valor of our soldiers and sailors has driven the Spanish flag. These are the men who fear the strenuous life, who fear the only national life which is really worth leading...."

-- Theodore Roosevelt, "The Strenuous Life" (speech delivered at a Chicago men's club), 1899

POV:

EXPLANATION:

"Mr. President, the times call for candor. The Philippines are ours forever, 'territory belonging to the United States'.... And just beyond the Philippines are China's illimitable markets. We will not retreat from either. We will not repudiate our duty in the archipelago. We will not abandon our opportunity in the Orient. We will not renounce our part in the mission of our race... we will move forward to our work... with gratitude for a task worthy of our strength, and thanksgiving to Almighty God that He has marked us as His chosen people, henceforth to lead in the regeneration of the world."

-- Senator Albert Beveridge, Addressed to Congress, 1900

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EXPLANATION: