

# Political Cartoons

Imperialism



# WHAT IS A POLITICAL CARTOON?

- \*A **political cartoon** is a **cartoon** that makes a point about a **political** issue or event.
- \*Pictures entertain, but Political Cartoons entertain AND send a message
- \*Express viewpoints on political, economic, or social issues
- \*Make use of humor, exaggeration, irony, symbolism, historical events, and stereotypes

# INSTURCTIONS

For each cartoon analyze the primary text using the method in the graphic organizer.

# IMPERIALISM

Is there an exaggeration?

Is there an analogy?  
What is being compared?



Setting?

Is there Symbolism?

What is labeled?

Is there irony that expresses an opinion?



## Setting: American Imperialism

Setting?

The exaggeration is....

- There is no eagle literally as large as a continent

The analogy is.....

- The eagle stretching his wing is an analogy for America reaching out with their political power to control territories

The irony is.....

- America is spreading “freedom” by forcing it on people

The labels are....

- The territories America claims are labeled

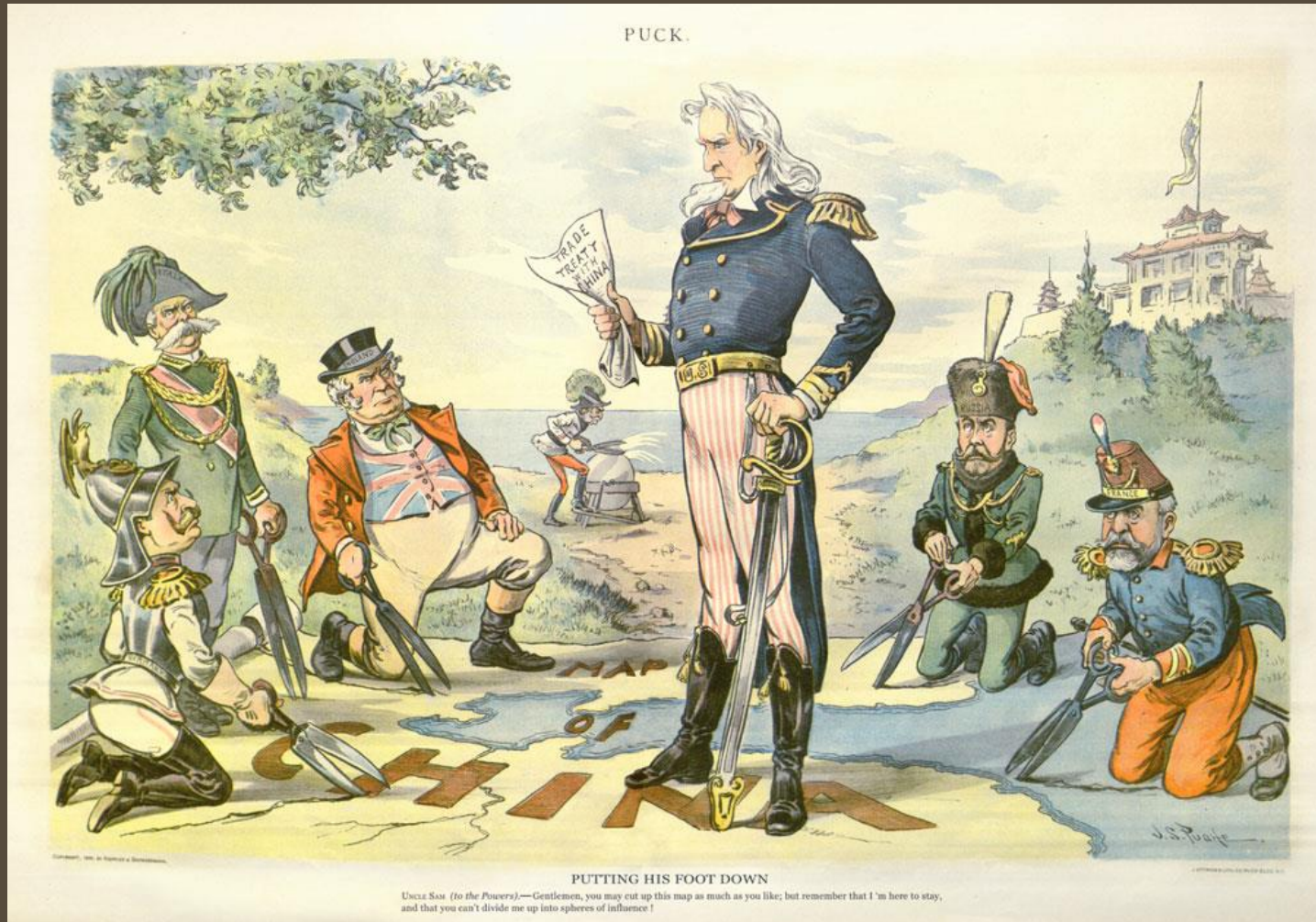
The symbolism is..

- The eagle is a symbol for America, Freedom, Democracy. He looks fierce as a symbol for strength. The flag is a symbol for American patriotism.



# WHAT DOES THIS CARTOON MEAN?

Setting?



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## Questions

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Is there an exaggeration?

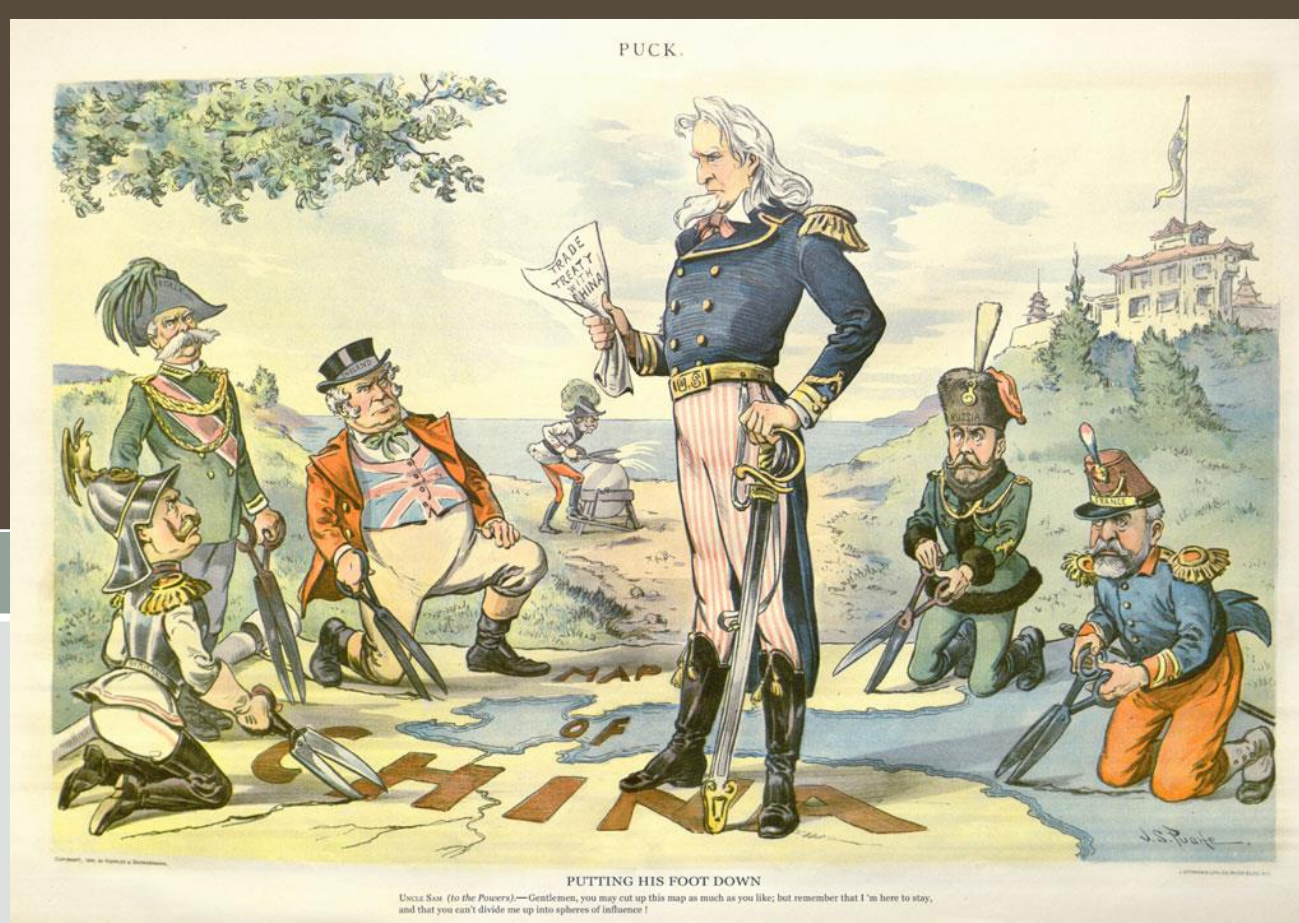
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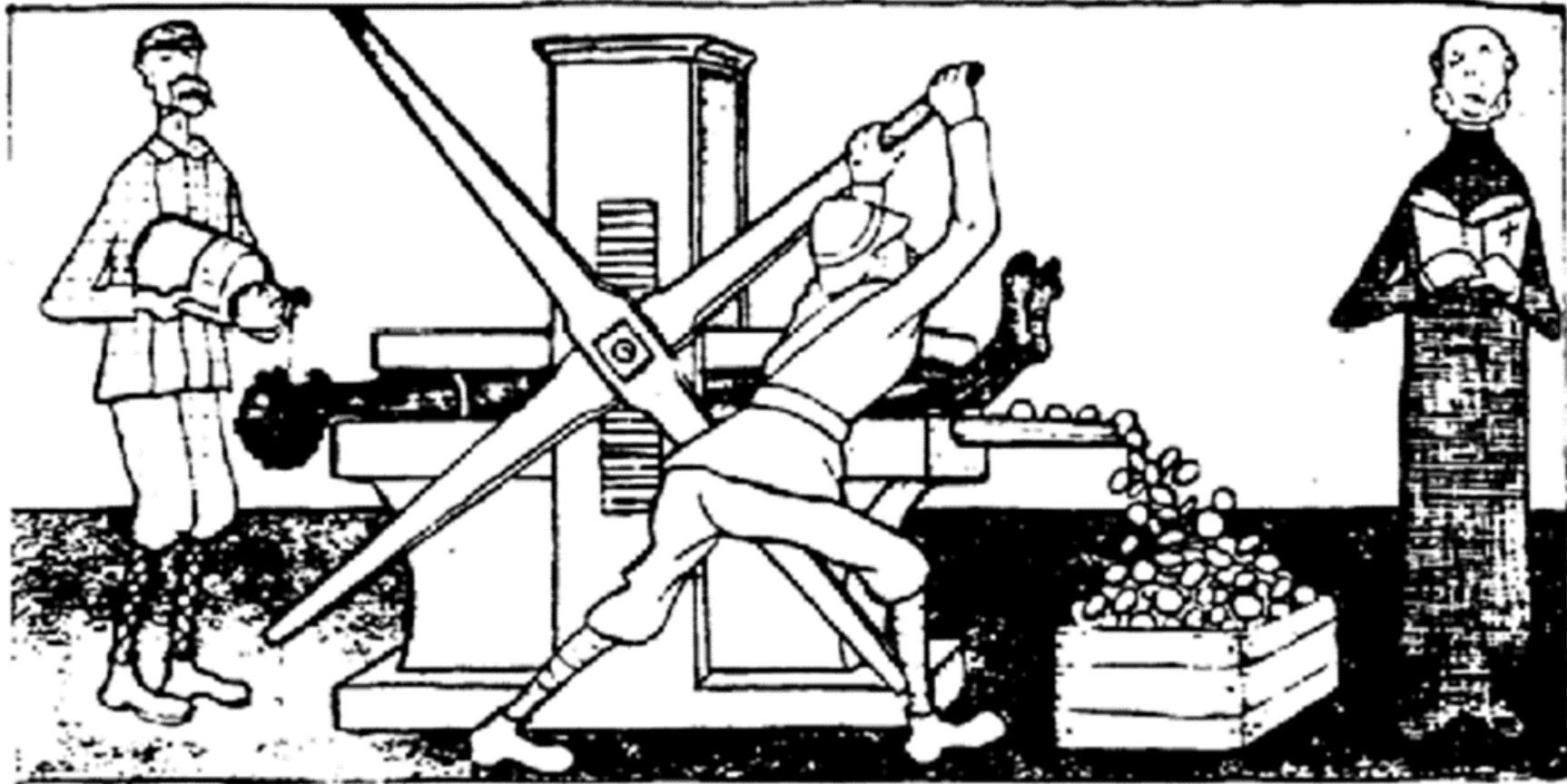
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Is there Irony?

Message:







## Questions

## Notes

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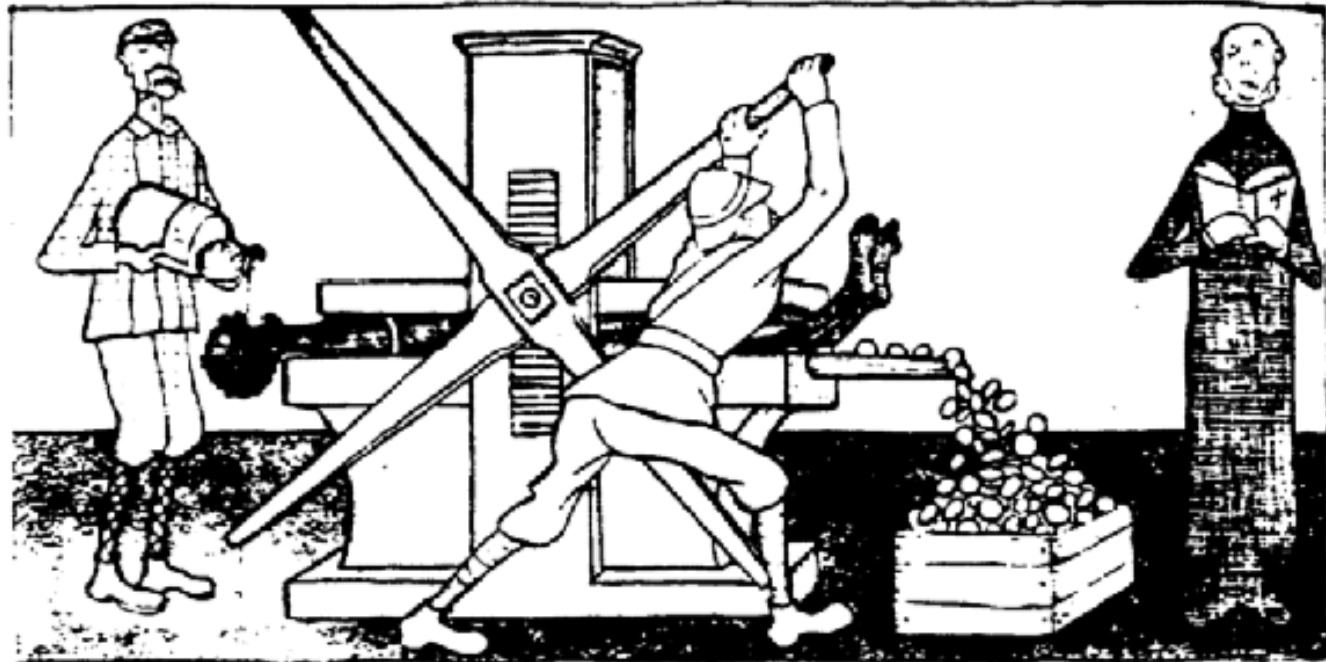
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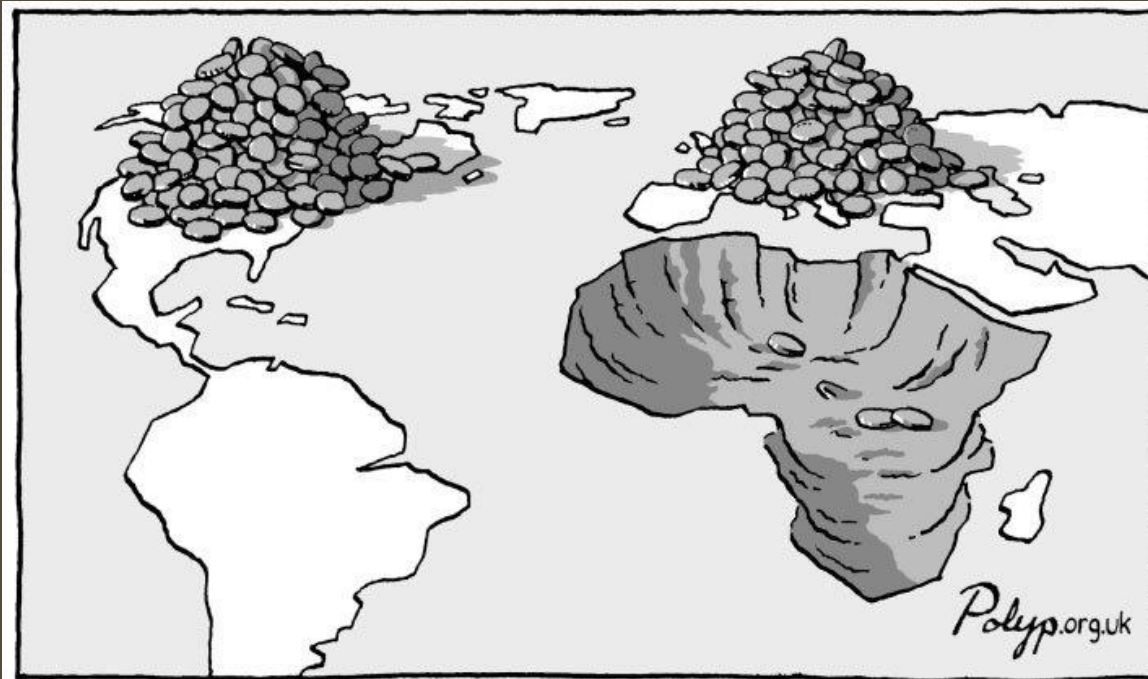
Is there Irony?

Message:





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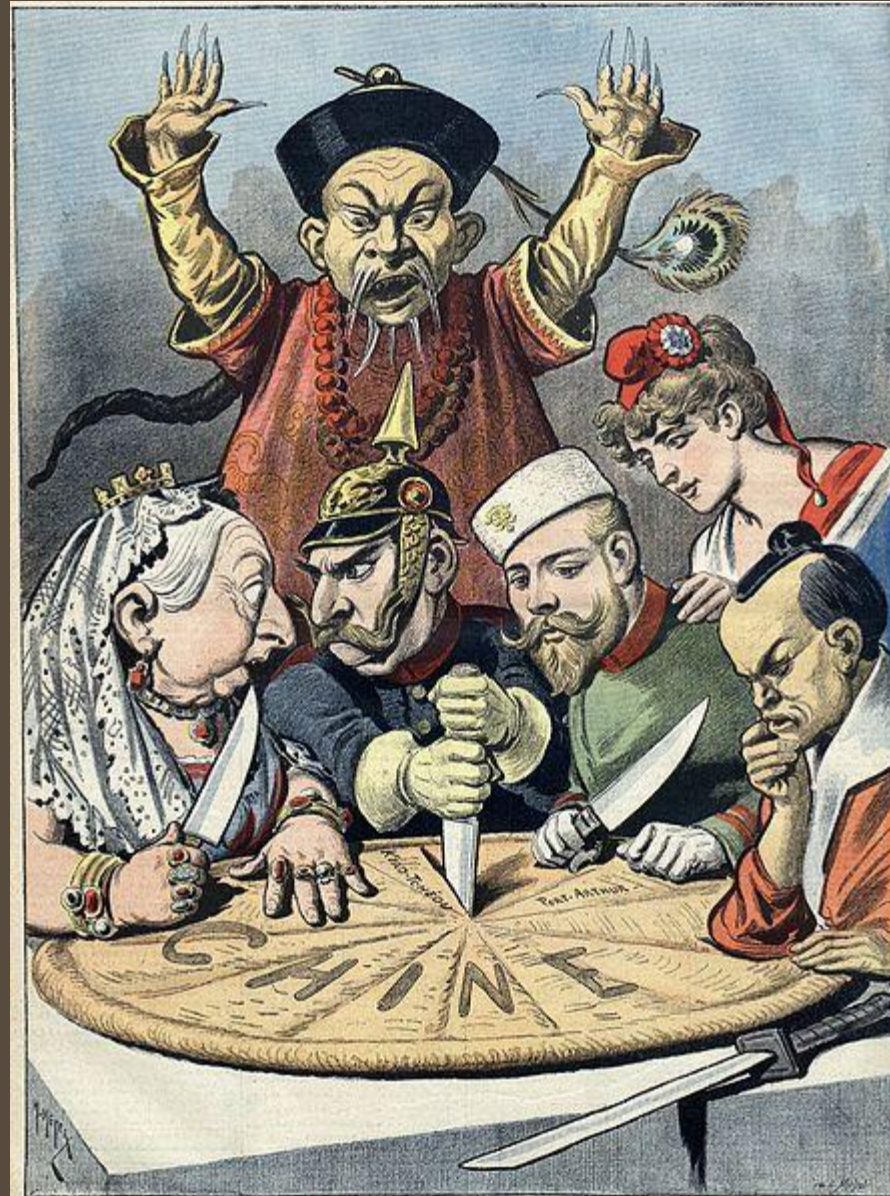
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Summary of Cartoon Message







"THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN."

(Adapted by Robert Kipley.)

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THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.—*The Journal, Detroit.*

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