From 1850 to 1914, the strong, industrialized nations of Europe used imperialism to seize colonies & dominate the local gov’ts & economies in Africa & Asia.
Why did the industrialized nations of the world imperialize?

Nationalism in Europe meant that each nation wanted to become the most powerful.

Having a lot of overseas colonies showed power.

This turned into an all-out race for the best & most numerous colonies in Africa & Asia.
The Industrial Revolution led to a huge demand for raw materials so countries could make more factory-produced goods.

The Industrial Revolution caused a huge demand for new overseas markets to sell their finished goods.

Having numerous colonies in Africa & Asia helped fuel the Industrial Revolution.

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Christian missionaries wanted to convert the “uncivilized” natives in the world by creating churches, schools, & hospitals.

Europeans believed in an idea called “Social Darwinism” that argued that whites were the most evolved & superior race.

Europeans believed in the “white man’s burden” that they had a responsibility to civilize the world.

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