

Greed Or Glory Answer Key

Sample Response: European imperialism was driven far more by greed than by any true desire to "civilize" others. European nations used moral language to justify their economic exploitation of colonized peoples. In Africa, the demand for rubber, gold, and other resources fueled brutal labor systems that devastated local communities. In India, Britain's focus on profit destroyed traditional industries and caused widespread famine. While Europeans claimed to bring progress, their main goal was wealth and control - not the well-being of those they ruled.

Teacher's Guide

- **Objective:** Students will analyze competing moral and economic motives behind European imperialism and construct evidence-based written arguments.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide sentence starters for developing writers (e.g., "I believe imperialism was driven by...").
 - Offer historical examples (e.g., the Scramble for Africa, British rule in India) to guide less experienced students.
 - Encourage advanced students to include counterarguments acknowledging the "civilizing" perspective.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Divide the class into two groups for a mini-debate: "Team Greed" vs. "Team Civilization."
 - Show excerpts from imperial propaganda (e.g., *The White Man's Burden*) and discuss tone and bias.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students write a short editorial as if they were a 19th-century journalist criticizing or defending imperial expansion.
 - Connect to modern global issues by discussing how resource competition and cultural justification still appear in international relations today.