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Course Title: European Colonialism

Course description: In the nineteenth century a relatively small number of European nations came to dominate much of the rest of the world. In fact, by 1900 only four countries in Africa and Asia had successfully resisted the imperial onslaught. This class will examine the causes and long-term impact of the process of colonization. Particular attention will be paid to the ideological, political, and economic roots of the phenomenon. Other issues include: the resistance of indigenous populations, post-World War II independence, and the colonial legacy.

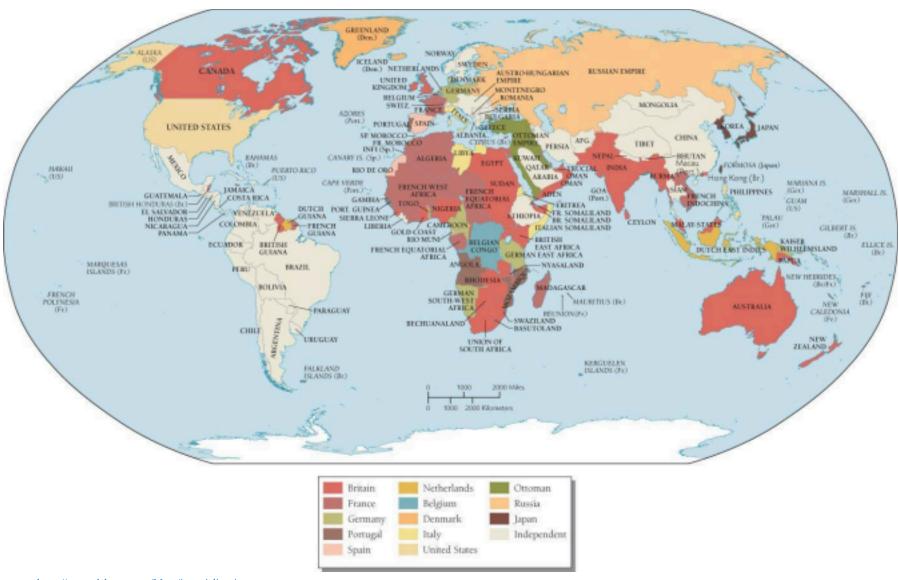
Recommended Readings:

Hochschild, Adam. King Leopold's ghost: A story of greed, terror, and heroism in Colonial Africa. New York: Mariner Books, 1999.

Lloyd, T.O. *The British Empire*, 1588 – 1995. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.

Weeks	Topics
Week 1	Introduction

Week 2	European expansion, 1450 – 1700
Week 3	The settlement colonies and the great Imperial wars of the 18 th century
Week 4	The Industrial Revolution and its impact on the non-European world
Week 5	The "Scramble for Africa"
Week 6	Asia: an overview
Week 7	The British in India
Week 8	China and the Opium Wars
Week 9	The Japanese miracle
Week 10	World War II
Week 11	Independence and the post-colonial legacy



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