

24 Reading Questions

Modernity & Imperialism

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1. What changes in science led people to question the old views of an easy-to-understand universe?
2. Spielvogel keeps using the words “the irrational.” What does he mean?
3. According to Freud, what shapes our present behavior?
4. What impact did Social Darwinism have on European thought?
5. What threats faced churches in this period?
6. How did the churches respond to these threats?
7. How is Naturalism like Realism? How is it different?
8. How were the Modernist artists different from artists we’ve studied previously?
9. Primary Documents (p. 679) – What new painting techniques or attitudes do you observe?
10. How did new scientific knowledge and other philosophy affect painting?
11. Primary Documents (p. 682) – Why would these artists have painted such unrealistic paintings?

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12. What were the primary goals of the women’s rights movements in this period?
13. Primary Document (p. 683) – Rimbaud argued for “art for art’s sake.” Why would this attitude have come about in this time period (p.o.v.)?
14. Why did the Panhurst’s get confrontational?
15. Primary Document (p. 685) – What does this selection reveal about changing attitudes towards gender roles?
16. How were attitudes towards Jewish people changing?
17. Where did anti-Semitic (anti-Jewish) attitudes remain strongest? Why there?
18. Who were the Zionists?
19. Primary Document (p. 687) – Why did Herzl advocate for a Jewish state (p.o.v.)?
20. Why did the Liberals move from being laissez-faire to Evolutionary socialists?
21. How did Germany’s increasing power lead to growth of the Social Democrats?
22. What led to the Russian Revolution of 1905?

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23. What was imperialism?
24. Primary Document (p. 691) – What does the Pears’ Soap add teach about European attitudes towards non-Europeans?
25. Why were the Europeans increasingly fascinated with Africa?
26. Primary Document (p. 694) – What was the “White Man’s Burden?”
27. Primary Document (p. 695) – How did African colonization affect the peoples of Africa?
28. Map (p. 697) – What areas of Asia remained independent from European influence/colonization?
29. Were any areas effective in fighting against European imperialism?

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30. How did the Germans attempt to preserve peace between Austria and Russia?
31. With what countries did Germany make peace?
32. With tensions building between Germany and Russia, what role did Britain play in Continental affairs?
33. Primary Document (p. 701) – What were William II’s goals in granting the interview? How successful was he in achieving these goals?
34. How did the First Moroccan Crisis affect how other nations viewed Germany?
35. What caused the Balkan Crisis?
36. Austria believed that Serbia was a threat. Were those feelings justified? Why or why not?