

7.6 New Imperialism: Motivations and Methods

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Objective

Build the skills to distinguish imperial **motives** 动机 from **enablers** 使能条件.

You must be able to:

- name the three kinds of motive
- name the three enabling technologies and what each solved
- state why the distinction matters
- connect the enablers to unit 6

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Three motives

European nations were driven by **economic, political and cultural** motivations in their new imperial ventures in Asia and Africa. The CED gives no ranking.

■ Three enablers

Advanced weaponry ensured military advantage; communication and transportation technologies facilitated the creation and expansion of empires; advances in medicine enabled European survival in Africa and Asia.

■ Why the distinction

A motive explains why the attempt was made; an enabler explains why it succeeded. Answering one question with the other is the commonest error in this subtopic.

■ Link to unit 6

The weapons, ships, telegraphs and medicines were products of industrial and scientific capacity, so the new imperialism is an industrial consequence.

2 Practice

2.1 Name the three kinds of motive. [3]

2.2 State what each of the three enablers solved. [3]

2.3 A state sends an expedition and holds the territory for decades.

(a) State which technologies explain the arrival. [1]

(b) State which explains the holding. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The CED says advanced weaponry [1]

- **A** delayed conquest
- **B** ensured the military advantage of Europeans
- **C** was unavailable
- **D** was irrelevant

3.2 A motive explains [1]

- **A** why the attempt succeeded
- **B** why the attempt was made
- **C** the medical situation
- **D** the transport system

3.3 A student answers a question about enablers by listing economic motives.

(a) State the error. [1]

(b) Explain the correct answer's shape.

[2]

4 Go further

- work through the **7.6 New Imperialism: Motivations and Methods** lesson on the **Learn** page;
- read the **19th-Century Perspectives and Political Developments** section of the AP European History handout on the **Know** page.

Solutions

2.1 economic; political; cultural.

2.2 weaponry —winning the encounter; communication and transport —creating and expanding, i.e. holding and governing; medicine —European survival.

2.3 (a) transport and weaponry. (b) communication and transport, with medicine enabling residence.

3.1 B. the CED's own verb is "ensured".

3.2 B. motive answers why it was attempted.

3.3 (a) motives answer a different question from enablers. (b) name the technologies and state what each made possible that would otherwise have failed.