

7.5 Unresolved Tensions After World War I

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Objective

Build the skills to explain **interwar empire** 两次大战之间的帝国.

You must be able to:

- state the CED’s claim about colonial holdings between the wars
- name the two ways additional territory was gained
- state what some imperial powers faced instead
- explain why ‘predominantly maintained’ is a continuity claim

1 Worked examples

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

■ The claim

Between the two world wars, Western and Japanese imperial states predominantly maintained control over colonial holdings. The empires did not fall in 1918.

■ Two ways

In some cases they gained additional territories through conquest or treaty settlement — force and diplomacy again, as in 6.2.

■ The other case

In other cases they faced anti-imperial resistance. The CED gives both outcomes within one sentence.

■ ‘Predominantly maintained’

A continuity claim placed between two wars — which is why decolonisation belongs to unit 8 and not here. Anticipating it misdates the CED’s own chronology.

2 Practice

2.1 State the CED’s claim about colonial holdings between the wars. [2]

2.2 Name the two ways additional territories were gained. [2]

2.3 “Predominantly maintained” is a continuity claim.
(a) State what it implies about decolonisation. [1]
(b) State the other outcome the CED names. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Between the wars, imperial states [1]

- A lost their colonies
- B predominantly maintained control
- C abandoned empire
- D united into one state

3.2 Additional territories were gained through conquest or [1]

- A treaty settlement
- B purchase only
- C referendum
- D inheritance

3.3 A student places decolonisation in the 1920s.

(a) State the error. [1]

(b) Explain the correct chronology. [2]

Solutions

2.1 Western and Japanese imperial states predominantly maintained control over colonial holdings between the two world wars.

2.2 conquest; treaty settlement.

2.3 (a) that it belongs to a later period, not the interwar years. (b) some imperial states faced anti-imperial resistance.

3.1 B. the CED's own word.

3.2 A. treaty settlement.

3.3 (a) the CED says control was predominantly maintained in that period. (b) resistance existed between the wars but decolonisation is unit 8's material, after 1945.