

MATCHING CAUSE AND EFFECT

Purpose

Previewing some of the ways in which the Industrial Revolution became a driving force for imperialism will help you understand how industrialization was intertwined with the expansion of empires.

Process

1. Draw a line to match each industrial innovation with how you think it affected imperialism.

Industrial innovation
Steamships and railroads
Machine guns
Telegraph
Factory system (need for raw materials)
Quinine (medicine used to treat malaria)
Capitalism

Effect on imperialism
Improved communication allowed Europeans to maintain tighter control of colonies.
Resources extracted (removed) from the colonies, such as cotton from India and rubber from the Congo.
Colonial populations became consumers of European manufactured goods.
Movement of resources and officials made it easier for Europeans to administer large colonies.
European settlers and soldiers were less likely to become ill in tropical regions.
Military forces from industrialized nations had weapons that helped them defeat local populations.

2. Make a prediction: Which of these industrial innovations do you think had the greatest impact on imperialism? Explain your answer.