

Imperialism Project

Imperialism is basically when one country takes over and controls another. Main reasons for imperialising are to gain new land, power, religion, crops, and wealth. People responded to this in many different ways; some liked to use violence, some didn't, and some just accepted what was happening. Each response had its good and bad effects but in my opinion, non-violence was the best one. I agree with this response because it is a way to get your point across and gain independence without having people get seriously injured or even killed, which consequently doesn't solve anything. Non-violence involves solving your problem either verbally or with protests which is the best way to go about this certain type of situation.

I think non-violence was the best response to imperialism especially in India. When the British were taking over their country this way led them to independence. It was Ghandi's idea to use this method, which was most successful; they used salt marches and boycotts to express their thoughts, instead of physically fighting. (notes 6) Another example of success with the use of non-violence was in Ghana, who was also being taken over by the British. They were wanting more say in their government and control in general. Their way of response was a lot like India's, they used protest and strikes to gain their independence. (Encyclopedia Britannica) Although some people were against violence others were for it. There was use of violence in India when the sepoys turned against their British rulers for sending them cartridges of rifles sealed in meat. Doing this caused them to be jailed, but when they escaped the real violence and anger began. "The uprising spread over much of northern India. Fierce fighting took place. Both British and sepoys tried to slaughter each other's armies." (page 5) This violence didn't just cause damage and effect the country as a whole but it also took a whole year for the British to regain control. I think the worst way to respond to imperialism was acceptance because it doesn't lead to independence or solve anything. Although it gained them some jobs and money it didn't give people what they entirely wanted, which was independence of their country.