Imperialism Webquest NAME:

Answer the following questions using the website links for each section below.

Imperialism in India

<http://historymatters123.blogspot.com/2015/08/imperialism-in-india-europeantrade-with.html>

1. When did British economic interests begin in India?
2. Who was Robert Clive? Explain.
3. What was a ‘sepoy’?
4. Describe how Britain controlled India’s economy and set up different restrictions.
5. Why do you suppose Britain would impose these restrictions (from #9) upon India? Explain.
6. How did the Sepoy Mutiny impact India’s history?
7. What effect did nationalists groups, such as the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League, have on Indian nationalism at the beginning of the 20th century?

Scramble for Africa

Use <http://www.saburchill.com/history/chapters/empires/0053.html>

for #1 and #2:

1. Based on the map, what European nations were imperialistic in Africa?
2. Which two nations had control of the greatest amount of territory in Africa?

Use <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/abolition/scramble_for_africa_article_01.shtml>

for the remaining questions:

1. Using the info on the website, briefly describe European imperialism in Africa before the 19th century.
2. Briefly explain how the slave trade (from the 1500s to the 1800s) affected Europe AND Africa.
3. What was one of the main reasons for the ‘Scramble for Africa’, as stated on the website?
4. Define ‘Eurocentrism’, and tell me in your own words how David Livingstone’s “three C’s” were Eurocentric in nature.
5. What was the Berlin Conference? How was it Eurocentric?
6. What area of Africa did King Leopold II of Belgium control as his own personal territory? What resource was he seeking there? What finally ended his control and brutality of this area?

Imperialism in China and the Opium Wars

<http://alphahistory.com/chineserevolution/foreign-imperialism-in-china/>

1. What made China a ‘rich prize’ for European nations?
2. What was the ‘canton system’? Why was it introduced and was it successful?
3. What triggered the First Opium War? What was the result?
4. When and why did the Second Opium War begin? What was the outcome?
5. What countries began to exert their influence and control over China following the Second Opium War? What effects did that have on China?
6. Overall, how did imperialism affect China?