Imperialism Thematic Essay

**Identify**: Identification typically involves little more than the ability to pick-out some X from a line-up of individuals; in other words, it involves recognition skills.

**Evaluate**: An evaluation is similar in complexity to a discussion, the primary difference being that evaluations will make use of criteria for deciding whether one thing is better or worse than another, whether some practice is morally permissible, and so on.

**Explain:** In explanatory answers it is imperative that you clarify and interpret the material you present. In such an answer it is best to state the "how or why," reconcile any differences in opinion or experimental results, and, where possible, state causes. The aim is to make plain the conditions which give rise to whatever you are examining.

**Analyze**: to subject to analysis to resolve (anything complex) into its elements to separate into the constituent parts for the purpose of an examination of each separately to examine in such a manner as to ascertain the elements or nature of the thing examined as to analyze a fossil substance to analyze a sentence or a word to analyze an action to ascertain its morality

***Directions:*** Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several body paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion

**Theme: Imperialism**

Historical Context: Imperialism is the domination by one country of the political and economic life of another country or region. Imperialism has had both positive and negative effects on the colonies. During the era of New Age Imperialism the interactions between countries from various regions increased dramatically.

**Task:**

**Choose two examples of Imperialism during the era of New Age Imperialism;**

* Identify the specific region/country the Europeans took over
* Analyze the reasons for European imperialism
* Explain the historical circumstances by which the Europeans took and maintained control
* Evaluate the impact that Europeans had on the areas they colonized.

**You may use any of the following examples: European Imperialism in Africa, European Colonization of the Americas, Meiji Restoration in Japan, European Imperialism in China, and British Imperialism in India.**

**Imperialism Thematic Essay Outline**

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| **Region #1:** | **Region #2:** |
| **Reasons for Imperialist Takeover** | **Reasons for Imperialist Takeover** |
| **Historical Circumstances of Imperialism** | **Historical Circumstances of Imperialism** |
| **Specific Impacts** | **Specific Impacts** |
| **Evaluation of Overall Impact** | **Evaluation of Overall Impact** |