

## FICHA 2: CAUSES OF IMPERIALISM.

### 1. SELECT: What causes does each text defend? Are each text

**supporting or against the imperialism?** (Each text can have more than one cause)

Superior races have a right over inferior races, and also a duty: the duty to civilize them. I believe that the colonial Policy of France is inspired by the truth that a marine like ours cannot walk through the seas without solid shelters, fenders and refreshment centres. The nations are great for their activities.

*Jules Ferry to French deputies chamber (July, 1885).*

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It is not for nothing that the Mediterranean Sea has the civilization on one side and barbarism on the other (...). God offers Africa to Europe. Take it! Put our excess in Africa and solve our social problems. Transform our proletarians in owners! Build roads, ports, cities...!

*Jules Michelet.*

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Whereas that capitalism behaves colonial expansion, which causes conflicts between governments, which excites chauvinism and imposes military spending, which has no other purpose than to extend the benefits of the capitalist class and committing crimes and cruelties against indigenous breeds: the civilizing mission adduced by capitalist society is only a pretext.

*Resolution of the II International.*

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Take up the White Man's responsibility, send your best boys to exile to serve your captives' needs in order to prepare them to look out for wild and hardly domesticated peoples, Half-devil and half-child.

*Rudyard Kipling (1899).*

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### 2. CHOOSE: Which type of colonial domination is described? [You've the types here](#)

The chiefs of Ngombi and Mafela recognize that it is highly desirable that the International African Association should be firmly established in their country. They do give up to the said Association the sovereignty and all governing rights to all their territories. The Association agree to pay to the chiefs of Ngombi and Mafela one piece of cloth per month to each one. *Treaty of H. M. Stanley on the Congo River (1884).*

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