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Imperialism Argumentative Essay

-Read the following documents.

-Then, write a

Is it ethical/fair for the US to take colonies all over the world?

Document A- Speech made by Alfred Beveridge, Senator of Indiana, 1898

Hawaii is ours, Puerto Rico is to be ours; at the prayer of the people, Cuba will finally be ours; in the islands of the East, even to the gates of Asia, coaling stations are to be ours; at the very least the flag of a liberal government is to float over the Philippines, and I pray God it may be the banner that Taylor unfurled in Texas and Frémont carried to the coast. the stars and stripes of glory.

And the burning question of this campaign is whether the American people will accept the gifts of events; whether they will rise as lifts their soaring destiny; whether they will proceed upon the lines of national development surveyed by the statesmen of our past; or whether, for the first time, the American people doubt their mission, question fate, prove apostate [give up faith] to the spirit of their race, and halt the ceaseless march of free institutions.

The opposition tells us that we ought not to govern a people without their consent. I answer: The rule of liberty, that all just government derives its authority from the consent of the governed, applies only to those who are capable of self-government. . . . Will you say by your vote that American ability to govern has decayed . . . ? Will you affirm by your vote that you are an infidel [an unfaithful one] to American vigor and power and practical sense; or that we are of the ruling race of the world, that ours is the blood of government, ours the heart of dominion . . . ? Will you remember that we do but what our fathers did. we but pitch the tents of liberty farther westward, farther southward. we only continue the march of the flag. . . .

Document B- Speech made by Henry Cabot Lodge, senator of Mass.

. movements which makes for civilization and the advancement of the race. As one of the greatest nations of the world, the United States must not fall out of the line of the