

Analyzing Social Darwinism

Directions:

Read the poem and the view the political cartoon below then answer the questions that follow?

Document 1:

Take up the White Man's burden-
Send forth the best ye breed-
Go bind your sons to exile-
To serve your captives' need;
To wait in heavy harness,
On fluttered folk and wild-
Your new-caught, sullen peoples,
Half-devil and half Child
Take up the White Man's burden-
The savage wars of peace-

Fill full the mouth of Famine
And bid the sickness cease;
And when your goal is nearest,
The end for others sought,
Watch sloth and heathen Folly
Bring all your hopes to nought.

- Rudyard Kipling,

"The White Man's Burden," 1899

Document 2:



Analysis Questions:

- 1. What is the “white man’s burden” referred to by Kipling in document 1?**
- 2. Briefly describe what you see in document 2.**
- 3. Who do the two individuals carrying the baskets represent? Why? (Hint: think about what you read in the notes)**
- 4. Who do the individuals in the baskets represent?**
- 5. Where are the two carrying the baskets taking those on their backs? Why?**
- 6. How does the poem and the image represent ideas of Social Darwinism?**