

T.A.C.O.S. Teacher's Notes

Cartoon 1

Time and Place: Unknown time, Great Britain

Action: Large ship in the ocean with choppy waves

Caption: Britons never shall be slaves.

Objects: British flag, large ship, scroll

Summary: Great Britain is expressing nationalism by showing its navy presence.

Cartoon 2

Time and Place: Unknown time, Eurasia is shown

Action: Men grabbing parts of the world and putting them in bags

Caption: None

Objects: Countries of Africa and Asia, men representing Russia, Germany, and Great Britain

Summary: Powerful countries are taking over less powerful ones, which shows imperialism.

Cartoon 3

Time and Place: Unknown time, unknown place

Action: Several men lined up threatening each other

Caption: A Threatening Situation

Objects: Men dressed in different ways that represent European countries, speech bubbles showing threatening dialogue

Summary: The men are showing they have alliances to each other, which could represent the alliances in Europe.

Cartoon 4

Time and Place: 1909, unknown place

Action: Men playing cards and using ships as the prize for the card games

Caption: No limit, Japan—I see your Cruisers and raise you a Dreadnought!

Objects: Uncle Sam, men that represent other countries in Europe, a man that represents Japan, lots of big ships

Summary: Many countries are competing to have the best navy.

Cartoon 5

Time and Place: Unknown time, unknown place

Action: Many armed men standing in a circle pointing weapons at each other while another man looks on from over a fence.

Caption: None

Objects: Men that represent European countries, swords and guns, Uncle Sam further away from the men across a fence

Summary: Europe is becoming militarized, and tensions are rising while the U.S. stays isolated.

Cartoon 6

Time and Place: Unknown time, unknown place

Action: A male lion stands over several female lions

Caption: Enlist now.

Objects: Lions, large rock, several countries listed

Summary: Great Britain is showing nationalism by encouraging countries in the empire to join the war effort.

Cartoon 7

Time and Place: Unknown time, unknown place

Action: A man with many arms is reaching out to different countries

Caption: None

Objects: A man that represents Great Britain with a lot of octopus arms, many countries are being touched by the man's arms

Summary: Great Britain is taking over different parts of the world which shows the imperialist goals of Great Britain.