

BIG PICTURE QUESTIONS (XX)

1. *Why were Asian and African societies incorporated into European colonial empires later than those of the Americas? How would you compare their colonial experiences?*
2. *In what ways did colonial rule rest upon violence and coercion, and in what ways did it elicit voluntary cooperation or generate benefits for some people?*
3. *In what respects were colonized people more than victims of colonial conquest and rule? To what extent could they act in their own interests within the colonial situation?*
4. *Was colonial rule a transforming, even a revolutionary, experience, or did it serve to freeze or Preserve existing social and economic patterns? What evidence can you find to support both sides of this argument?*