



GCSE HISTORY

Paper 2 Section A/C: Britain: Migration, empires and the people: c790 to the present day

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SOURCE A for use in answering Question 01

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A cartoon called ‘The Sleeping Sickness - cutting a continent out from under him’*. It is an American view of the actions of European countries.

It was published in 1911 by a popular American magazine which used humour to make a political point. The artist was born in Scotland and moved to America at a young age. The large man in the centre of the drawing represents Africa.

*sleeping sickness is a tropical disease.

The large man in the middle of the cartoon, who represents Africa, is slumped against a tree and appears to be sleeping. The land around him represents African land that has been divided up by different nations. To the right the land is marked out by the Union Jack labelled, “England”, and bordered with signs saying, “Keep Off”. Directly beneath the man representing Africa is a man holding a Belgian flag. He is using a whip on a cowering figure. To the left, a man in military uniform is waving a German flag and shaking his fist at another man, who represents France. Behind them, two men representing Italy and Turkey are pointing cannons at each other. To the far left, a man is sitting beneath a Spanish flag. In the foreground, the letters on the ground spell out, “Africa”. These letters are being removed by several figures.



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