The New Imperialism

Wilhema Zoo, Stuttgart (Germany)
Today’s lecture does not have slides as the previous ones have done. This is because the midterms revealed that some students are simply repeating the slides, rather than thinking about them.

After this class, you should go put together the slideshow (approx. 15 slides) for this lecture. I will expect you to hand in a printout of that slideshow on April 1 (date of the next midterm). Your slideshow will count as 25% of your grade on the next midterm.* (If you have never used Powerpoint, this is the time to learn.)

If you skipped lecture today, you will probably find the assignment very difficult!

* Students who do not hand-in a slideshow presentation will have the option of answering an additional question on the April 1 midterm. If you do not hand in a slideshow, that is, your midterm exam will be 25% longer than that of the other students BUT you will not get any extra time to write your answers.
...the higher races have a right over the lower races, because they have a duty. They have the duty to civilize the inferior races. In the history of earlier centuries, Gentlemen, these duties have been misunderstood and certainly when the Spanish introduced slavery into Central America, they did not fulfill their duty as men of a higher race. ... But in our time, European nations can acquit themselves of this civilizing duty with generosity, with grandeur, and with sincerity.

Jules Ferry, speech on colonial expansion, 1884.
"As we steamed into the estuary of Sierra Leone on November 18th [1889], we found Africa exactly as books of travel had led us to anticipate--a land of excessive heat, lofty palm-trees, gigantic baobabs, and naked savages. At five o'clock we dropped anchor at Free Town, called, on account of its deadly fevers, the `white man's grave.' Immediately, our vessel was surrounded by boats filled with men and women, shouting, jabbering, laughing, quarrelling, and even fighting. ... Without exception it was the most confusedly excited and noisy lot of humanity I have ever seen."

Take up the White Man’s burden—
Send forth the best ye breed—
Go, bind your sons to exile
to serve your captives’ needs;
To wait, in heavy harness,
On fluttered folk and wild—
Your new-caught sullen peoples,
half devil and half child.

Emily Davison commits suicide by throwing herself in front of King’s horse during Epsom Derby, 1913

Force feeding of imprisoned suffragette, 1912