

# Quiz

Lessons 3.1 and 3.2: America

## 3.3 Repeal of the Corn Laws

*“we want cheaper stuff!”*

# How are these connected?



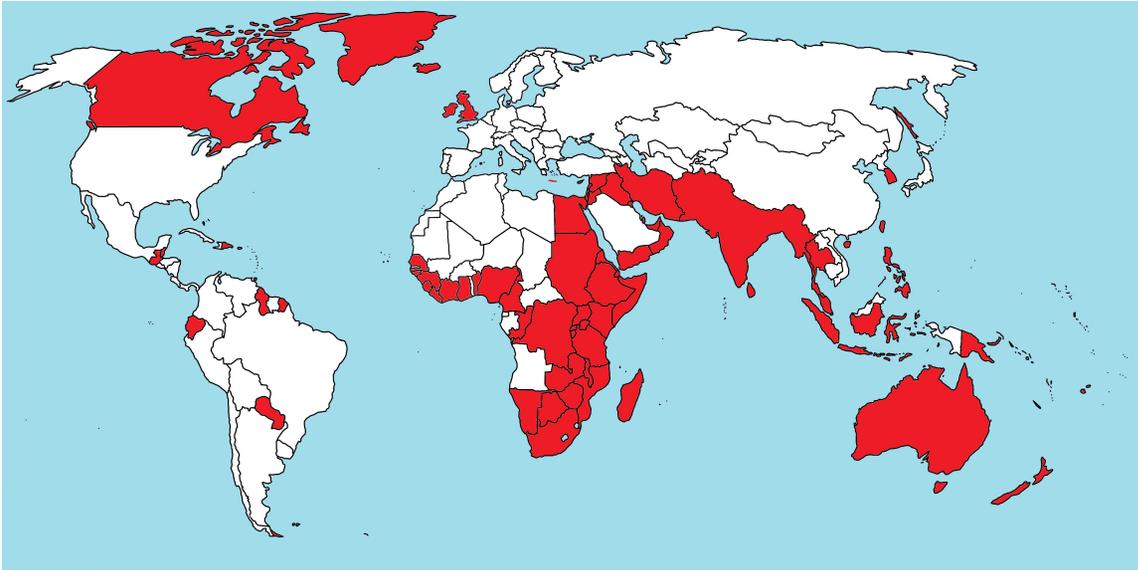
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# The British Empire



- Britain ruled much of the world in the 1800's with the largest Empire to that time.
- Also called the **Victorian Era** or **Pax Britannica**

# The British Empire

- Britain's power lessened through **two world wars**, and it gradually gave independence to countries and allowed America to gain more power in the world.
- Many independent countries are still tied to Britain in the **Commonwealth**

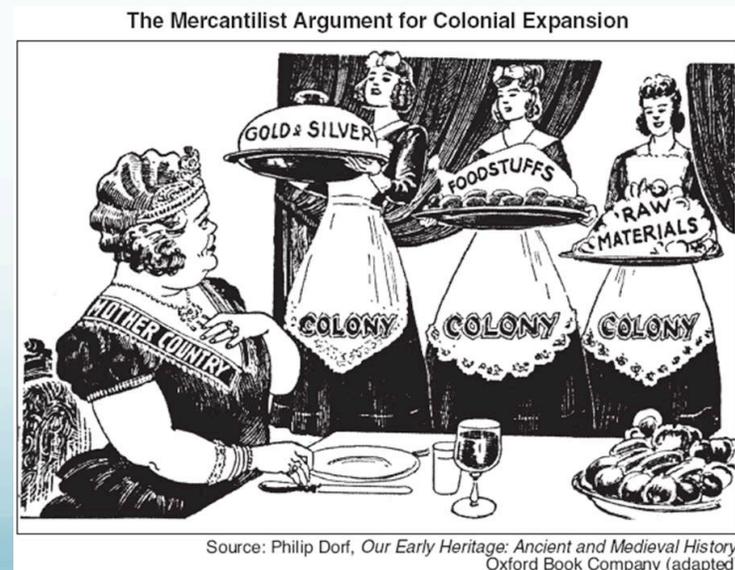
# The United Kingdom

2015: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



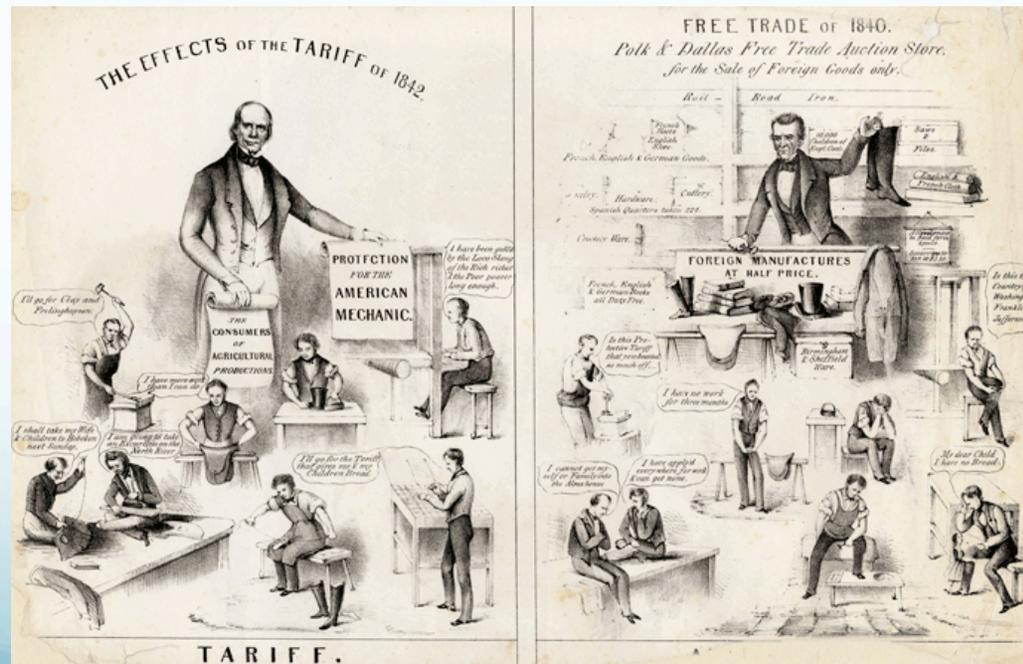
# Definitions

1. Imperialism: adding countries to build an Empire
2. Colonialism: establishing people in new countries to harvest resources
3. Mercantilism: trading resources exclusively with colonies



# Definitions

4. Tariffs: Taxes/duties on goods coming in or out of a country
5. Reciprocity: Free trade



# The Corn Laws

- The Corn Laws were an example of **protective tariffs**.
- The laws meant people in the U.K. had to purchase grain from the British Empire (like Canada) instead of much cheaper grain from Europe.
- This contributed to the great **Potato Famine** in Ireland.
- People in the U.K. were protesting: “**we want cheaper stuff!**”

# Problems with Tariffs



Business owners get fat, while the workers starve

# Repeal of the Corn Laws

- Britain **repealed** the Corn Laws in 1846
- This led to **economic depression** in Canada
- Instead, Canada negotiated **reciprocity** with the United States. (until that was ended after the Civil war)

# Canada's Response

The repeal of the Corn Laws made Canada realize that...

- 1) **Britain** might not always be there for us
- 2) The different colonies might have to **work together** more
- 3) Canada needed a **more functional government** with an **economic plan**

# Conclusion

1. Free Trade vs. Protectionism is an ongoing issue today.



Dairy farmers take part in a protest in downtown Ottawa on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Dozens of dairy farmers from Ontario and Quebec gathered on Parliament Hill to raise concerns about protecting Canada's supply management system in the Trans Pacific Partnership negotiations. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Sean Kilpatrick

# Conclusion

2. Who does free trade benefit today? Who do tariffs benefit today?



# Conclusion

3) Should we buy more “Made in Canada” stuff even if it is more expensive?



# Conclusion

4) Back then Conservatives wanted more Tariffs.  
Today Conservatives want more Free Trade. Why the switch?



The Harper Conservatives are making trade deals that will destroy jobs in our auto industry.

The Trans Pacific Partnership must protect our jobs and our community.



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