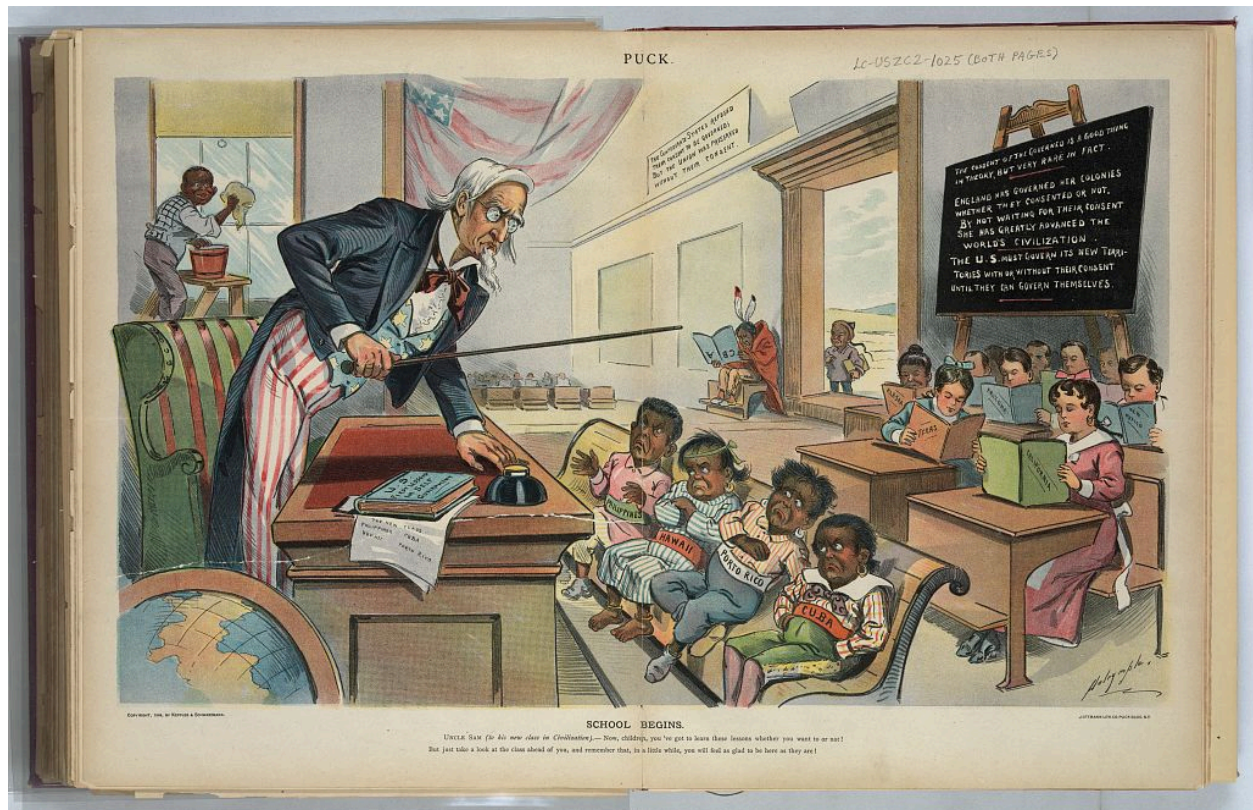


Political Cartoon Analysis: “School Begins”

Directions: In small groups or individually, you will analyze the political cartoon below. There are a few short response questions you will answer. Each question should have 4-6 sentences.

Political Cartoon Description: In 1899, Louis Dalrymple created a political cartoon, "School Begins," published in Puck magazine. This cartoon provides insight into American imperialism and expansion policies following the Spanish-American War (1898).



1) Bullet point: 5 or more major things you see from the image above.

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2) Who is leading the classroom? Give me your best guess as to who this person is supposed to represent, and explain your thinking.

3) Look closely at the children in the room and answer the questions below (2-3 sentences each)

Are all the children in the room drawn the same? Describe the cartoons' depiction of race.

What do the sashes on the 4 children in the front say? What do the notebooks on the children in the back say? What is the point of having these names in the cartoon?

Based on your answer in question 2, what do you believe the authoritative figure is trying to teach them?

4) This cartoon was drafted in 1899 and was used as propaganda. Who do you think the main audience was for this cartoon? If this cartoon were published now, would the same audience react like they did in 1899?

4) Based on this cartoon, what do you believe the goal of American Imperialism is? What/who is American Imperialism targeting?

Extra Video Resources

<https://www.choices.edu/video/how-did-u-s-political-cartoons-attempt-to-justify-u-s-imperialism/>