

## Notes 4.3

### Geopolitics and Imperialism

*Geopolitics* -- controlling a piece of land because it is a strategic location



### Examples of Geopolitics:

#### *Crimean War*

1853 -- Russia vs. Ottomans

- Russia wants access to Black Sea
- Oil was also found in the area = more importance



"Charge of the Light Brigade"



Florence Nightingale

- Ottomans defeat the Russians with the help from the British and French

*Modern Day Problem in the area: Russia-Georgia Conflict (August 2008)*



Russia still wants to gain control of area

### *Suez Canal*

- Suez Canal connects Europe with Asia
- Importance = takes 2 weeks less to travel (4,000 miles)



- The French started to build the canal, but ran into financial trouble
- The British took over the payments and finished building the canal



The Suez Canal becomes the "Lifeline of the British Empire"

- British used the canal to trade goods and connect itself with its Colonies in Asia



### Major Religions of India



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### **Colonialism in India**

- **British East India Company** controlled India
- "Economic Imperialism" -- taking over another country for goods to export and import  
The British wanted Tea and Opium from India.  
They became the major products of India.



#### **India became known as the "Jewel in the Crown"**

-- They became known as the Jewel in the Crown because India was the most profitable of the British Colonies



### **Indian's React against Foreign Rule**

"Sepoys" -- Indian soldiers paid by the British

**Sepoy Mutiny - Hindu's and Muslim's rebel against British rule**

- **Ammunition cartridges filled with pork/beef fat**
- **Refuse to use**
- **Placed in jail by British**



British Government stepped in and helped the B.E.I.Co. = India becomes a Colony

**\*\* Sepoy Mutiny started the Indian Independence movement vs. Great Britain**