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The works included in my exam field bibliography represent a breadth of literature that highlights various European powers, considers theoretical approaches to empire, identifies imperial tools and tactics, explores processes of contact between metropole and colony, and outlines historiographical approaches to the study of modern imperialism. Survey texts of imperialism and decolonization provide historical context for the monographs in this bibliography. Books conceptualizing nation and empire and analyzing colonial discourses establish a framework in which the monographs in my list settle. Cooper and Stoler’s *Tensions of Empire* influences my selection of themes: Cultural Developments and Migration, Colonial Contact and Writing, and Gender and Sexuality. Each of these topics emphasizes intersectionality between race, class, gender, and ethnicity; analyzes the give-and-take relationship between metropole and colony; explores agency, power, and methods of conquest and resistance; and compares and contrasts empires and colonies in their global context. Finally, each section of my bibliography includes key works that challenge monolithic perspectives of empire. They illustrate the complexity of such issues as the civilizing mission, colonial categorization, gender relations, formal vs. informal empires, and settler-native conflict. As such, the books listed in my bibliography remind historians that imperialism has shaped identity and experience in the colony, the metropole, and the historical space in between.
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Overview of Empire

Conceptualizing Nation and Empire

Discourses of Colonialism

Metropole-Colony Relations


**Cultural Developments and Migration**


**Colonial Contact and Travel Writing**


Gender and Sexuality


The Fall of Empires and Decolonization


