

Chapter 25 Primary Source Activity

The United States did not take a direct part in the “carving up” of China by a number of European powers (textbook pages 652–653). In 1900, the American illustrated magazine *Puck* published this cartoon as a comment on imperialism and its effects on the Chinese “dragon.” ♦ *As you study the cartoon, try to identify the countries shown and think about what the cartoonist intended to say. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions that follow.*

The Great Powers Divide China**Questions to Think About**

1. Besides the Chinese dragon, what nations attacking the dragon are shown and labeled in the cartoon? Which are drawn larger than the others? Why?
2. What characteristics do all these animals share in reality? What do they have in common in the cartoon?
3. **Identifying Bias** How is the United States shown in the cartoon? What does this show about the opinion of the cartoonist regarding the imperialist powers in China?
4. **Activity** Write a caption or title for this cartoon. For instance, you might have two of the “animals” speaking to each other.