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Afghanistan Reading Packet Guiding Questions:

1. How can we compare the political interests that drew colonial powers to Afghanistan in the 1850s, the 1980s, and currently.

2. Why did the children of Afghanistan in the 1980s grow up to become the Taliban of the 1990s? Was that history inevitable? Explain.

3. What is missing in these "American" reports on Afghanistan? Note: The last three pieces are examples of serious journalism, in reputable publications, which hope to get the widest circulations. What picture of Afghanistan emerges from them? What biases/silences can we read within these reports?