Women And The British Empire: An Annotated Guide To Sources

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And the empire did bring economic developments and peace to some parts of the world, though many of those developments were fleeting and arranged primarily to suit British interests. And it delivered war and devastation to other regions. Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest. To attempt to attach any simple label to an imperial project that was launched by Elizabeth I and of which the final fragments were decommissioned under Elizabeth II is an impossible task. Photograph: National Portrait Gallery London/PA. British missionaries and colonial administrators did confront or end terrible practices, such as the British Empire’s promotion of the ideas of limited government, freedom and the free market transformed the world for the good. H.W. Crocker III on the British Empire: “On issues that truly mattered— an independent judiciary, limited government, abolishing slavery and [the Indian practice of] widow-burning— the empire enforced British standards of fair play, ordered liberty, and decency.” View source. Related reading: The Politically Incorrect Guide to the British Empire— H.W. Crocker III. View source. The British Empire’s promotion of individual freedom gave birth to the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. But the British had a custom too: They hanged men who burned women alive and their goods were confiscated. View source.