

American Imperialism

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U.S. Foreign Policy

Open Door Policy

U.S. wanted to keep China
open to trade

Europeans wanted to
divide China

up into separate colonies

Imperialism

**U.S. wanted more
territories**

**Wanted islands in the
Pacific**

**Reasons for
wanting
territories**

**1. New sources
of raw materials
and new markets
for goods**

2. Coaling stations for U.S. warships (steam powered ships)

3. Annexation of Hawaii

War War War War War

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**Spanish
American
War**

**1. Quick U.S.
victory**

but an unfair war

**2. Jingoism
led to the
war**

Jingoism

**Very aggressive
patriotism**

- the dangerous kind

3. Yellow

Journalism

**Exaggerated stories
printed in newspapers
to sell stories**

**Danger: newspapers and
press presenting an
unbiased account is
essential for a democratic
society**

**Propaganda - news printed
in order to influence the
reader's opinion**

**4. Congress
declared war on
Spain after the
Maine blew up**



**5. U.S. won the war
and gained the
territories of Puerto
Rico, Philippines,
and Guam.**

**President Theodore
Roosevelt's foreign
policy
was tough on Latin
America**

**Very
powerful
and
popular
president**



Roosevelt's “Big Stick Policy”

Dealing with Latin America

**U.S. will intervene in
Latin America if it is
our best interest**

- harsh policy

U.S. interest in Latin America:

**Interested because the
region is in the**

**Western Hemisphere
(geographically close by)**

**Latin Americans
resented the U.S.
foreign policy**

**(other policies
- Roosevelt Corollary
and Dollar Diplomacy)**

Panama Canal

**Canal was a shortcut between
the**

Atlantic and Pacific Oceans

**Needed for both military
and economic reasons**

**U.S. interfered in Latin
American politics to
build the canal
Columbia would not cooperate
with the U.S. so we backed a
group of rebels who broke away
and established Panama
then we built the canal**

**Teddy Roosevelt was
accused of ignoring
democratic and
diplomatic principles to
build the canal**

**T.R.'s domestic
policies:**

**created national parks
and other important
conservation efforts**

**T.R.'s domestic
policies:**

**He also opposed
Big Business
worked to end
monopolies**

The End

