

Becoming a World Power

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM

A CHANGING POLICY

- ✘ By 1890 the nation had expanded from sea to shining sea
- ✘ Many Americans started to look beyond our borders with the goal of expanding trade and gaining political influence
- ✘ For previous 100 years America had followed an *isolationist* policy

ISOLATIONISM

- ✘ What is isolationism? Non-involvement in world affairs
- ✘ It is a foreign policy built on the principle of avoiding formal military and political alliances with other countries
- ✘ Things started to change under President James Monroe

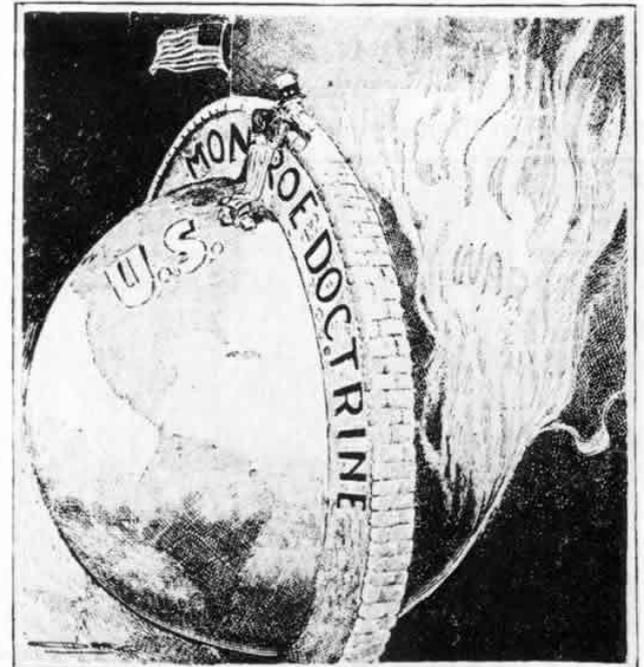




MONROE DOCTRINE

- ✘ Favored a policy of nationalism – a belief that national interests should be ahead of regional concerns
- ✘ 1823 speech warned European powers not to interfere in west, promised we would do same in European affairs

"The Great Wall," 1914 The Monroe Doctrine is depicted as a protective shield. (Courtesy of Nashville Tennessean.)



MONROE DOCTRINE

- ✘ Did Europe care about the doctrine? NO!!!!
 - + Young America didn't have the military to back it up
- ✘ Doctrine did form the basis for future American policy through 20th century
- ✘ By the 1880's the US had the military capability to back up the doctrine



IMPERIALISM

- ✘ By turn of century the United States was searching for...
 - + New markets
 - + Sources of natural resources
- ✘ *Imperialism*: the policy of extending a nation's authority over other countries by economic, political, or military means

The White Man's Burden



THE WHITE (!) MAN'S BURDEN.



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THE GREAT & ONLY
ONE DOLLAR A YEAR



A FAIR FIELD AND NO FAVOR!
UNCLE SAM: "I'M OUT FOR COMMERCE NOT CONQUEST!"

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The first step towards lightening
The White Man's Burden
is through teaching the virtues of cleanliness.

Pears' Soap

is a potent factor in brightening the dark corners of the earth as civilization advances, while amongst the cultured of all nations it holds the highest place—it is the ideal toilet soap.

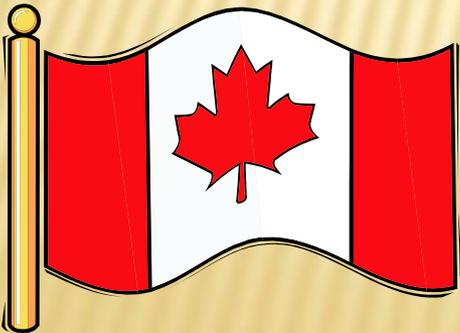
WHY EXPAND?

- ✘ Economic competition among nations
- ✘ Belief in racial & cultural superiority
- ✘ Farms & factories producing more than they can sell in U. S. market
- ✘ Political competition
- ✘ Military competition



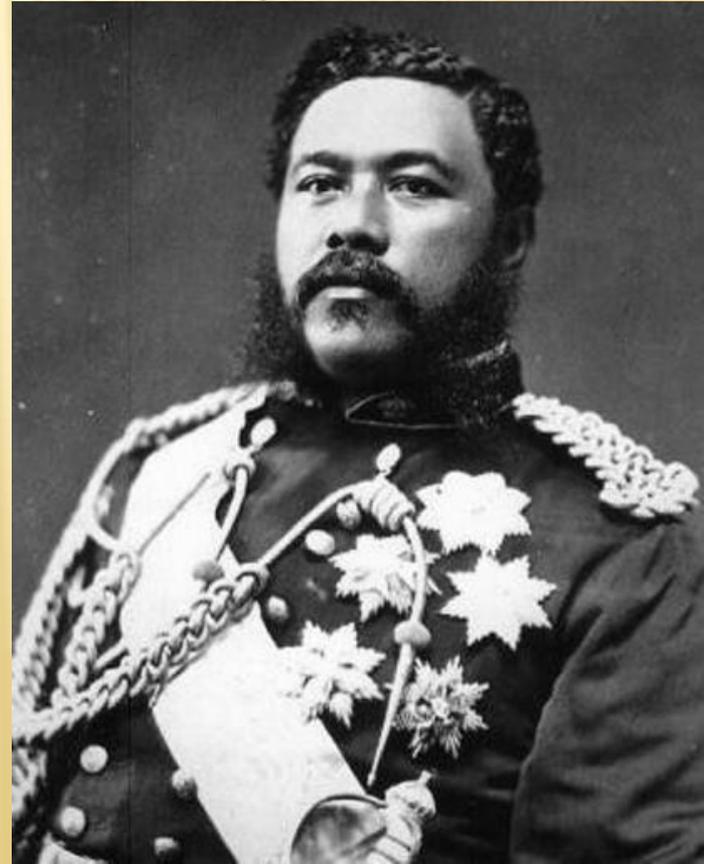
WHERE CAN WE GROW?

- ✘ U. S. already stretched from sea to sea
- ✘ Canada or Mexico?
 - + They would be strong opponents
 - + Don't have the right natural resources
 - + Much of Canada is unexplored
- ✘ We need to look elsewhere!!



FIRST STOP: HAWAII

- ✘ By 1850's American merchants owned $\frac{3}{4}$ of Hawaii's sugar plantations
 - + If we annexed country, wouldn't have to pay tariffs
- ✘ Plantation owners "imported" workers. By 1900, foreigners outnumbered natives 3:1
- ✘ King Kalakaua forced to give control of Hawaiian voting rights to wealthy landowners



FIRST STOP: HAWAII

- ✘ U.S. forced king to allow naval base at Pearl Harbor
- ✘ When king died his sister, Liliuokalani became queen
- ✘ Tried to “take back” country
- ✘ U.S. organized a revolution
- ✘ 1893 American marines landed, took control
- ✘ Queen imprisoned
- ✘ 1898 Hawaii becomes U.S. territory



NEXT UP: CUBA

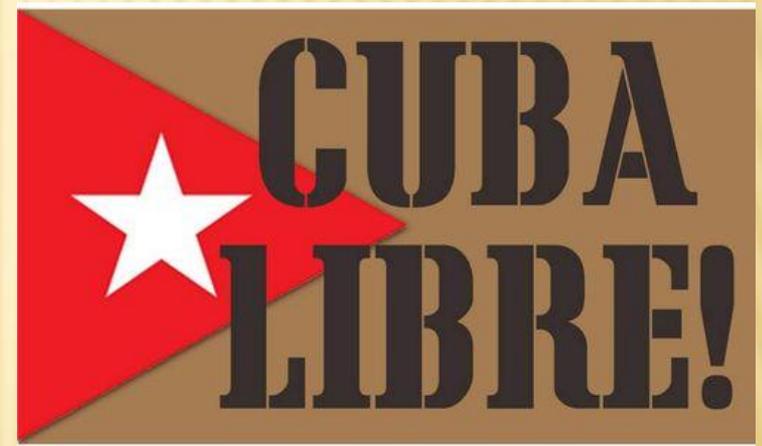
✘ Why?

- + So close – only 90 miles away
- + Sugar crop
- + Cubans didn't like Spain

✘ Yellow Journalism

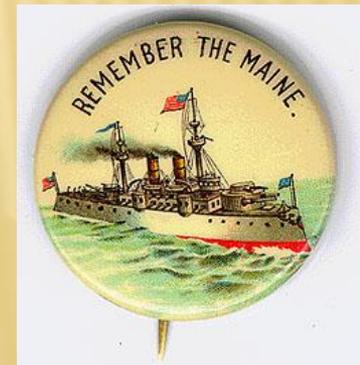
- + A way to get new readers?
- + Did the truth matter?

✘ American public started to sympathize with Cuban rebels



NEXT UP: CUBA

- ✘ *USS Maine* ordered to Cuba to protect American lives and property
- ✘ *Maine* explodes and sinks, 260 lost
- ✘ Leads to war with Spain in 1898
 - ✘ Spain agrees to our demands, we don't care
 - ✘ First battle in Philippines
 - ✘ We help Filipinos overthrow Spanish army

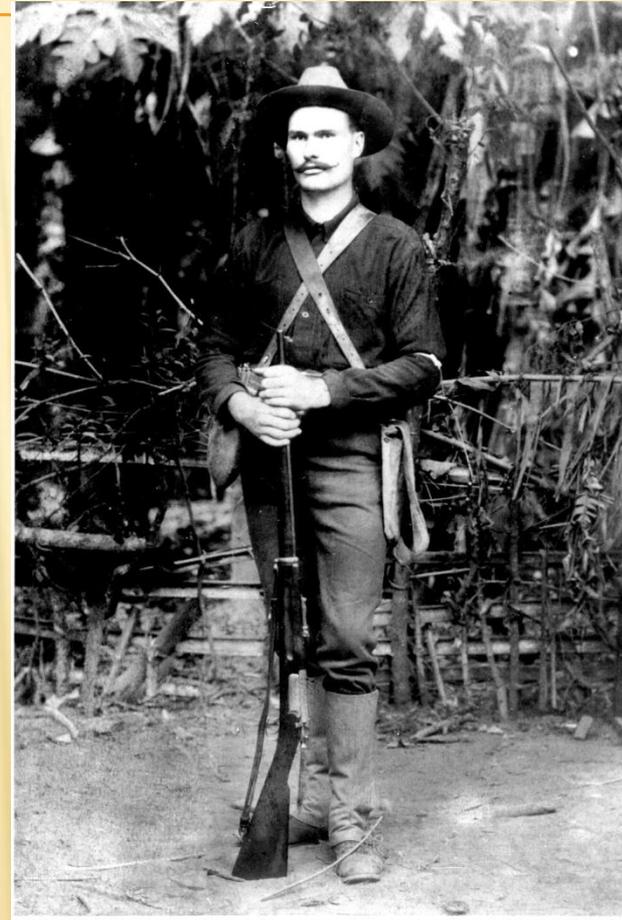


NEXT UP: CUBA

- ✘ U.S. invades Cuba with 17,000 troops
 - + Four African American regiments
 - + Teddy Roosevelt's *Rough Riders*
- ✘ Treaty of Paris of 1898
 - + Cuba would be independent
 - + Spain "gives" U. S. Puerto Rico & Guam
 - + Spain "sells" Philippine Islands to U.S. for \$20M
- ✘ Cuba becomes a Protectorate

WHAT TO DO WITH CUBA?

- ✘ Teller Amendment
 - + U.S. could not annex Cuba
 - + U.S. could not exert control
- ✘ Reality – the bad
 - + U.S. Army governs island
- ✘ Reality – the good
 - + Improved sanitation & medicine
 - + Provided food, clothing, education



CUBAN “INDEPENDENCE”

- ✗ Cubans want independence
- ✗ U.S. wants control
- ✗ Result: Standoff
 - + U.S. wouldn't leave unless Cuba agrees to constitutional changes
 - + **Platt Amendment**
 - ✗ U.S. has right to intervene in any treaty
 - ✗ U.S. can buy or lease land on Cuba for navy
 - ✗ Cuba can't make treaties that limit its independence

THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROMISES HAVE BEEN KEPT

1896

1900



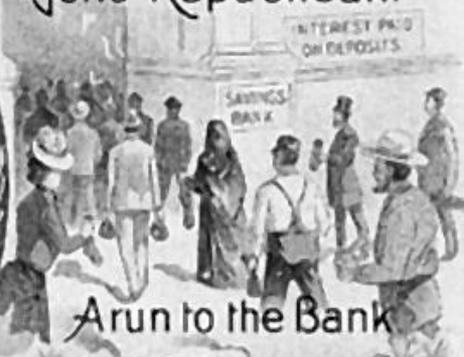
Gone Democratic.



Gone Republican.



Arun on the Bank



Arun to the Bank



Spanish Rule in Cuba.



American Rule in Cuba.

THE
"AMERICAN FLAG"
HAS NOT BEEN PLANTED IN FOREIGN SOIL
TO ACQUIRE MORE TERRITORY
BUT FOR
"HUMANITY'S SAKE"

(MCKINLEY, JULY 12, 1900.)



PHILIPPINE REBELLION

- ✘ Filipinos want independence
 - + Revolted against U. S. troops
- ✘ After “war”
 - + U.S. sets up government
 - ✘ U.S. picks governor
 - ★ William Taft governor 1901-1904
- ✘ Independence!
 - + Philippines become a republic in 1946



CHINA: A HUGE MARKET

- ✘ Qing Dynasty falling apart
- ✘ European & Japanese rivals moving in
 - + Everyone after natural resources
- ✘ U.S. protects our interests and helps China
 - + Open Door Notes
 - ✘ Great Britain
 - ✘ Germany
 - ✘ France
 - ✘ Italy
 - ✘ Japan
 - ✘ Russia



WHAT DID THE CHINESE THINK?

- ✘ Many opposed to western influence
- ✘ Secret society formed: “The Righteous Fists of Harmony”
 - + Most called them Boxers
- ✘ Boxers revolted – to drive out foreign devils
 - + Killed 100’s of missionaries, others
- ✘ U.S., others send troops, smash rebellion

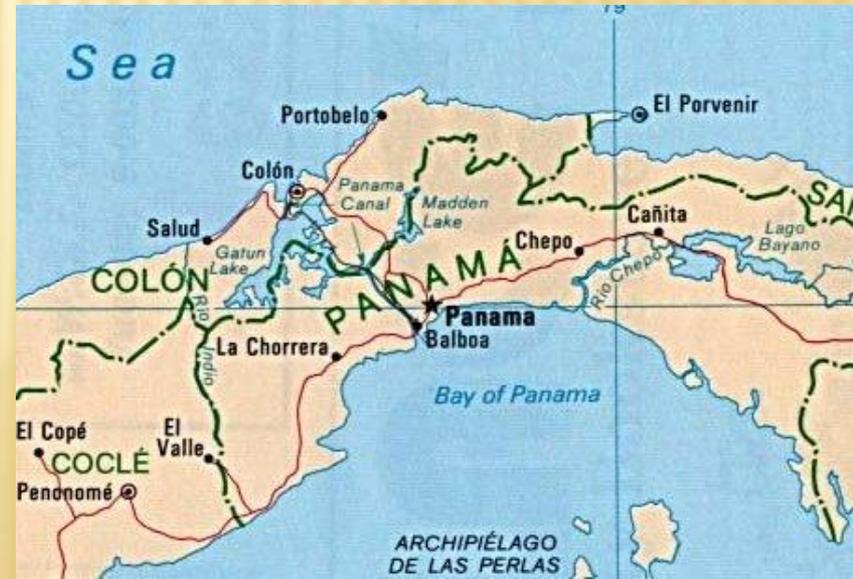


OPEN DOOR NOTES II

- ✘ U.S. worried that others would want to divide up China
- ✘ Notes II said we would safeguard principle of equal and impartial trade
- ✘ Evolved into “Open Door Policy”
 - + Growth of U.S. economy depends upon exports
 - + U.S. has right to intervene to keep markets open
 - + Closing market to U.S. threatened our survival

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

- ✘ Continued policy of imperialism
- ✘ Encouraged Panamanian independence from Columbia
- ✘ Negotiated treaty w/ Panama to build canal
 - + Shorten travel time for shipping
 - + Would be under exclusive U.S. control
 - + Built 1904 – 1914
 - + 5,600 workers died







“BIG STICK” DIPLOMACY

- ✘ Roosevelt Corollary to Monroe Doctrine
 - + Meant to keep the U.S. as the only power in the Caribbean and Central America
 - + Allowed one Western Hemisphere nation (i.e. U.S.!) to intervene in the affairs of another
- ✘ Roosevelt’s Policy:
 - + “European powers must not intervene in the Western Hemisphere”
 - + Protect U.S. economic interests

“Speak softly and carry a big stick, you will go far”