

THE AMERICAN EMPIRE



America was once a colony of Great Britain. Why does America betray the causes it once fought so dearly for during the American Revolution and claim colonies of its own?

“...Whether they will or no, Americans must now begin to look outward. The growing production of the country demands it. And increasing volume of public sentiment demands it...”

- Alfred T. Mahan

“But today we are raising more than we can consume. Today we are making more than we can use. Today our industrial society is congested; there are more workers than there is work, there is more capital than there is investment. We do not need more money – we need more circulation, more employment. Therefore, we must find new markets for our produce, new occupation for our capital, new work for our labor.”

- Senator Albert J. Beveridge

Task: What course of action are Mahan and Beveridge suggesting for the United States? Why are they suggesting it? Think about Frederick Jackson Turner.



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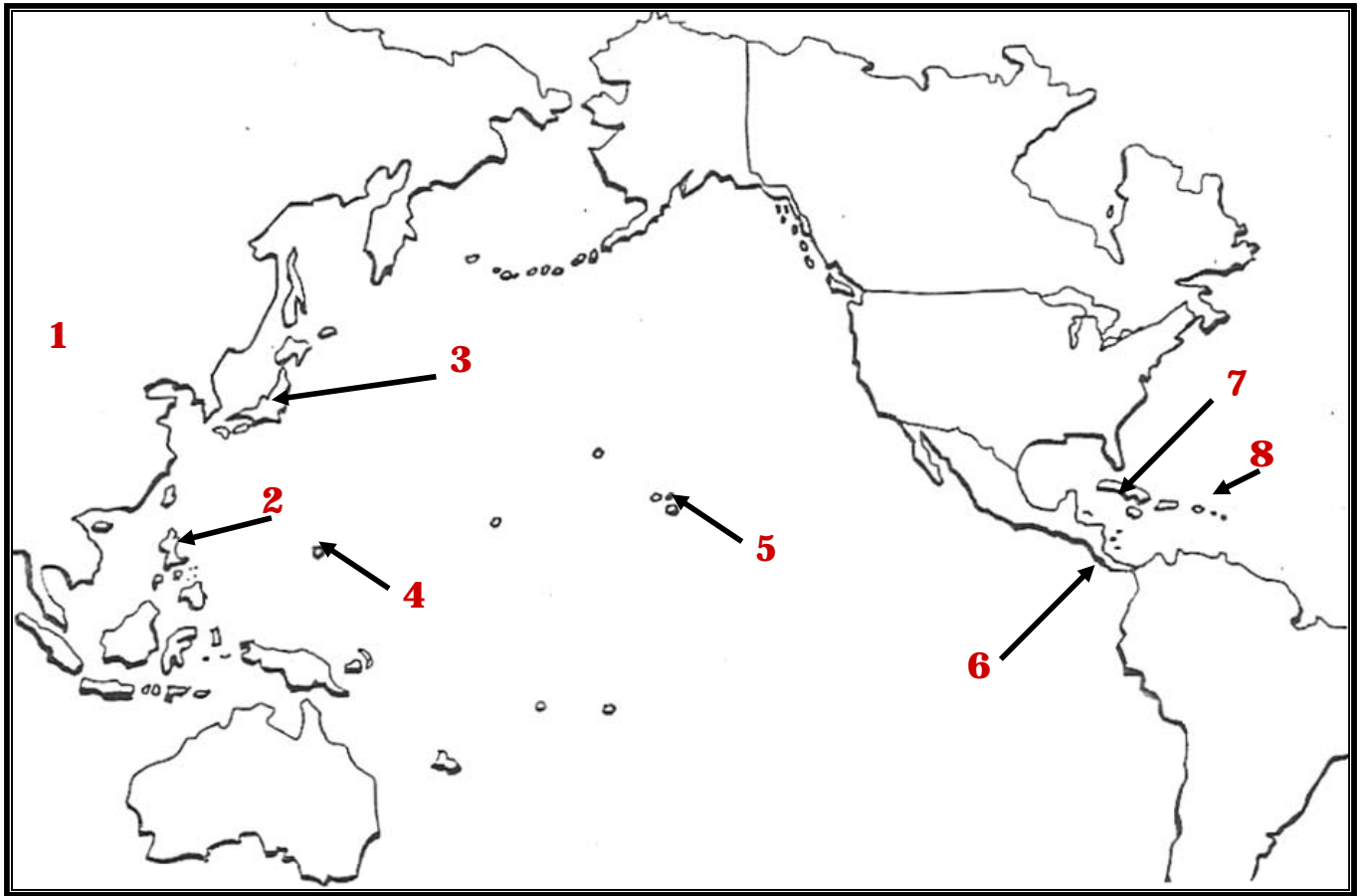
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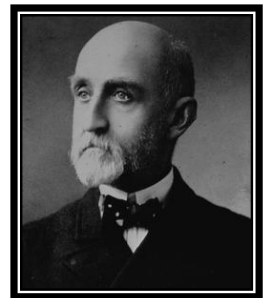
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Alfred Thayer Mahan -

- Writes The Influence of Sea Power upon History

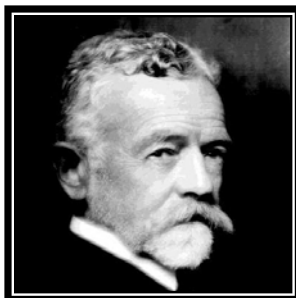
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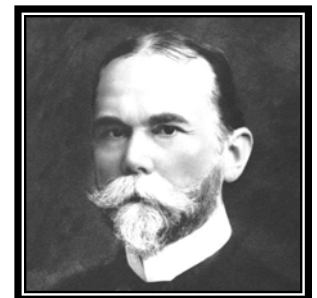
Jingoism:



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The White Man's Burden Rudyard Kipling

Take up the White Man's burden –
Send forth the best ye breed –
Go, bind your sons to exile
To serve your captives' need;
To walk, in heavy harness
On fluttered fold and wild –
You new-caught sullen peoples,
half devil and half child

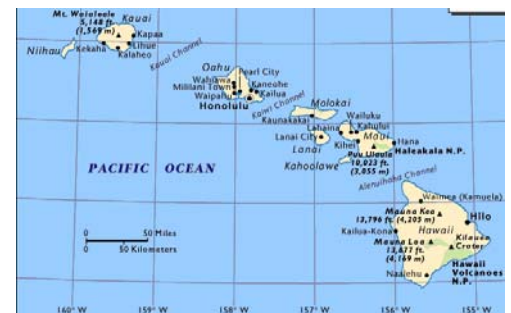
Task: What is the “white man's burden?”

The Great White Fleet:

Yellow Journalism:

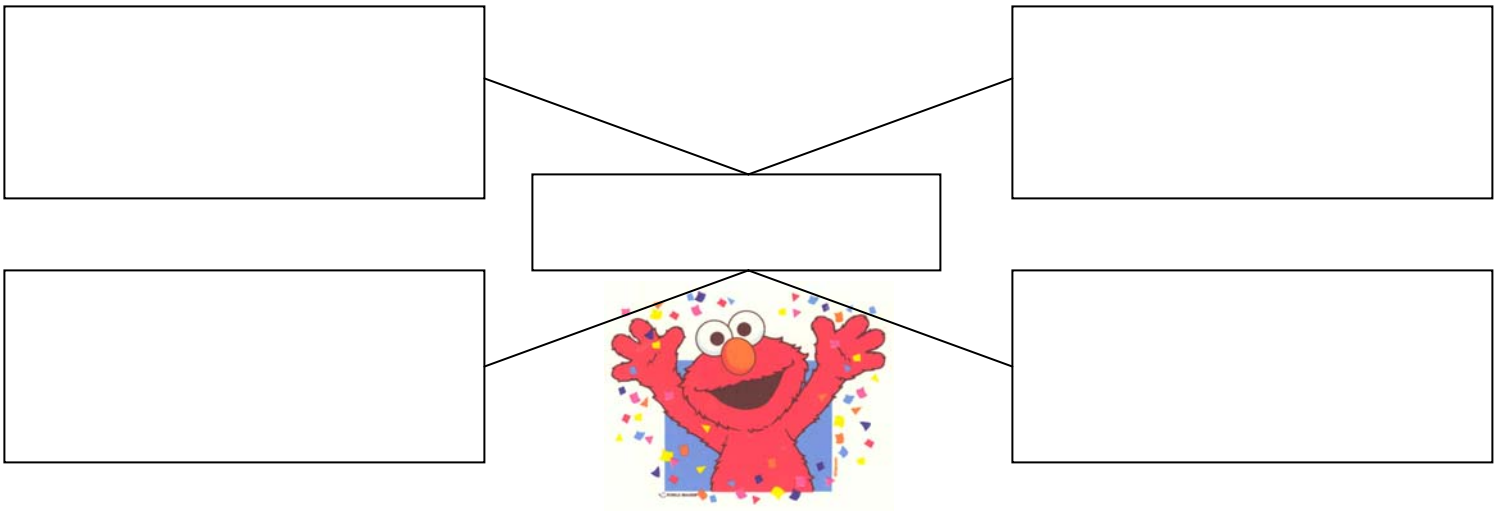


Hawaii -



Cuba (Guam, Philippines, Puerto Rico) -





Additional Causes of the War:

Teller Amendment:

The U.S. "hereby disclaims any disposition of intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction, or control over [Cuba] except for pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people."



Battle of Manila Bay, Philippines:

Surrender –

Platt Amendment:

Task: what problems was America that reformers felt should be addressed?

“Civilization begins at home”



China -

Old Imperialism in China:

New Imperialism in China:



The Rise of Roosevelt & The Panama Canal

“Don’t you realize that there’s only one life between this madman and the White House?”

- Mark Hanna, Republican Senator (Ohio)

President McKinley Assassinated by Leon Czolgosz



Panama –

- Controlled by Colombia / Panama is sad
- Colombia gives a French company, headed by Ferdinand DeLesseps, permission to build the canal on the Panamanian isthmus.
- After 10 years, the company fails.

Enter United States –

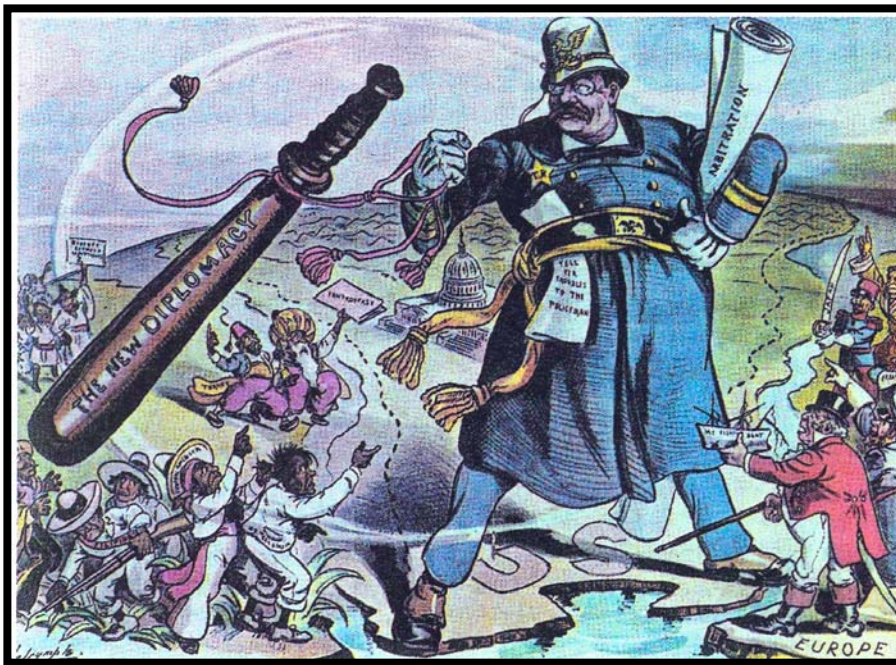


“I have always been fond of the proverb – speak softly and carry a big stick.”

- Theodore Roosevelt

The Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine:

Russo-Japanese War (1904):



Task: What part of the world is Roosevelt responsible for “protecting?”

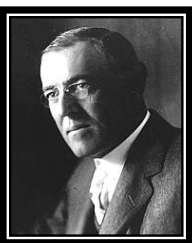
Task: Why does America need to become involved in Latin America?

Task: How is Roosevelt portrayed in this cartoon?

Task: Explain the significance of this cartoon?



Dollar Diplomacy:



Moral Diplomacy:

“[Y]ou are American and are meant to carry liberty and justice and the principles of humanity wherever you go...[G]o out and sell goods that will make the world more comfortable and more happy, and convert them to the principles of America.”

- Woodrow Wilson