

Imperialism

When, if ever, is it valid for one nation or culture to intervene in another to impose its values?

How do you think the idea of manifest destiny set the stage for American imperialism at the end of the century?



Manifest Destiny



U.S. Imperialism

Acquiring Alaska & Hawaii

William Seward

1867–Russia

\$7.2 million

1959

Folly?

- ▶ Sugar Plantations
- ▶ McKinley Tariff of 1890
- ▶ Pearl Harbor
- ▶ 1898–territory
- ▶ 1959

Alaska

Hawaii

Imperialism

- Military reasons
 - ▶ American ideals
- Economic reasons
 - ▶ Economic burden
- Moral reasons
 - ▶ Racist reasons

Arguments In Favor

Arguments Opposed

Treaty of Paris

- ▶ Spain freed Cuba
- ▶ America acquired islands of Guam (Pacific) & Puerto Rico (West Indies)
- ▶ Spain sold the Philippines to U.S. for \$20 million

*Led to much debate in the U.S.



Puerto Rico

- ▶ acquired as a result of the Sp.–Amer. War
 - U.S. did not promise P.R independence
 - military rule
- ▶ strategically important to the U.S. ... WHY?
- ▶ Foraker Act (1900)
 - ended military rule & organized a civil gov't
- ▶ 1917–Puerto Ricans given U.S. citizenship

Philippines



Philippine–American War

- ▶ U.S. government's quest for an overseas empire
- ▶ desire of the Filipino people for freedom
- ▶ a clash between the forces of imperialism and nationalism
- ▶ cost lives on both sides
 - 200,000 Filipino
 - 4,000 American
- ▶ cost \$400 million (20x the price paid by U.S. to purchase the Philippines)
- ▶ America ruled Philippines until July 4, 1946

CAUSES

EFFECTS

China



U.S. Fears It Will Be Shut Out

- ▶ Secretary of State John Hay
 - - Open Door notes (1899)
 - imperialist nations will share rights to trade with China-->OPEN DOOR
(no single nation would have a monopoly on trade with any party of China)
 - imperialist nations reluctantly accept this policy

Boxer Rebellion (1900)

