

Imperialism: America Builds a Colonial Empire

Reasons for US Imperialism:

- desire to be a great power(military/strategic)
- economic reasons
- belief in cultural superiority of US

American Involvement in Pacific

- The Philippines
- Hawaii, Guam, Samoa and Midway

American Involvement in Asia

- Open Door Policy in China
- Perry forces Japan to open trade with the US

American Involvement in the Caribbean

- a special interest of the US
- direct control of Puerto Rico
- indirect control of Cuba
- construction of Panama Canal
- rise of US business interests in the Caribbean
- American leaders acted to keep other foreign powers out of the region;
- Teddy Roosevelt declared US would act as a policeman in Latin America; Big Stick Policy; used to justify sending troops to the West Indies and Central America;
- frequent interventions caused many Latin American nations to resent US