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Why did the United States extend its influence to other regions in the late 1800's?

DO NOW: What is imperialism? What drives a nation to be imperialistic?

American Foreign Policy

A. After extending the nation from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans Americans now looked beyond the nation's borders to overseas territories

B. Americans already traded with China now they want to trade with Japan

1. Commodore Matthew Perry (1853) traveled to Japan asking them to open their ports to U.S. ships

2. He returned in 1854 and the Japanese signed the Treaty of Kanagawa which opened two ports to American ships

An Age of Imperialism

A. Imperialism was nations creating large empires by gaining economic and/or political control over weaker nations

1. Driven by the search for markets and materials

Toward an Empire

- A. William H. Seward supported America attempting to build an empire dominating the Caribbean, Central America and Pacific
 - 1. Connected by a canal across Central America, a transcontinental railroad and the telegraph, which would provide rapid communication

The Purchase of Alaska

- A. Alaska was bought from Russia in 1867 for \$7.2 million
 - 1. Alaska was viewed as an icy, barren place until gold was discovered there in the 1890's
 - 2. In 1912, it became a territory of the U.S.

A Sense of Mission

- A. People also felt they could lift up the world's uncivilized people through religion
 - 1. Sharing Christianity and Western Civilization
 - 2. Specifically to Africa, Asia and Latin America

American Interest in Latin America

- A. U.S. had flourishing trade with Latin America due to the Monroe Doctrine
- B. Pan-American Union promoted cooperation among member nations
 - 1. Developed closer economic ties to Latin America

Building Sea Power

- A. Captain Alfred Thayer wanted to expand the Navy
- B. U.S. would be able to use colonies as bases to refuel its ships
- C. By 1900's ships were steam powered and steel which allowed it to expand role in foreign affairs

HOMEWORK DUE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

1. In a paragraph, answer number seven (7) on page 677 the "Essential Question."