American Imperialism

1. American Expansion
   1. Global competition
      1. If not us someone else
      2. Manifest Destiny
   2. Military strength
      1. Built up navy
         1. Needed coal stations
         2. Protect us from European countries
   3. Thirst for new markets
      1. Place to get rid of excess goods
      2. Resources
   4. Cultural Superiority
      1. White Man’s Burden
      2. Christianize
         1. Make more civilized
2. Early gains
   1. Alaska
      1. William Seward-Secretary of State
      2. Bought from Russia for 7.2 million
      3. Turned out to be a steal due to large amounts of resources
         1. Timber, gold, minerals, oil
      4. Becomes a state in 1959
   2. Hawaii
      1. Push by American sugar plantation owners
      2. Tariff protection was taken away
      3. Overthrew Hawaiian monarchy
      4. Hawaii annexed in 1898
      5. Pearl Harbor
      6. Coaling station
3. War with Spain Erupts
   1. Remember the Maine
      1. Slogan for war
   2. Philippines
      1. George Dewey U.S. Navy
      2. Rebels Emilio Aguinaldo
      3. Started in April ended in August
   3. Caribbean- 1898
      1. Blockade: Spanish Fleet Stuck in Harbor
         1. U.S. Naval Superiority is shown
      2. U.S. Army is lacking
         1. In-experienced and full of volunteers
         2. Inadequate supplies and leaders
         3. No Guns
      3. Rough Riders: volunteer Soldiers
         1. Roosevelt one of Commanders
      4. Santiago and San Juan
         1. Roosevelt declared leader
      5. Spanish Fleet Destroyed
         1. Free to take over Puerto Rico
   4. Treaty of Paris: Ended war
      1. Splendid little war
         1. 15 weeks of actual fighting
      2. Terms
         1. Guam and Puerto Rico now part of U.S.
         2. Cuba is independent
         3. Philippines will be purchased by U.S. for 20 million
      3. Debate
         1. McKinley
            1. Christianize Philippines
            2. Most were already Christian
         2. Violation of Declaration
            1. Who are we to decide
         3. Focus on things at home first
         4. Immigrants would take American jobs
      4. Approved 1899
4. Filipinos Rebel
   1. Aguinaldo leads rebellion
   2. Uses Guerrilla tactics
      1. U.S. forced people to live in designated areas
         1. Same as Spain used in Cuba
   3. Fighting lasts for 3 years
      1. 20 K Filipinos die
      2. 4k U.S. soldiers die
      3. Costs U.S. 400 million
   4. Independence in 1946
5. China
   1. Other countries have part of it U.S. wants their piece
   2. Open Door Notes
      1. John Hay
      2. Imperialist Nations should share trading rights with U.S.
         1. No one country could have monopoly over China
   3. Boxer Rebellion
      1. China rebelling against western influence
      2. International force sent to quell rebellion
      3. Caused second set of open door notes
6. Open Door notes
   1. Reflect U.S. capitalist views
      1. Growth of economy depends on exports
      2. U.S. should intervene abroad
      3. Closing of an area to U.S. goods people or ideas threatens U.S. survival
7. Roosevelt Corollary
   1. Monroe Doctrine: others should stay out of Latin Am
   2. Speak softly and carry a big stick
   3. Disruption in Latin Am means U.S. must police
      1. Nicaragua Banks
8. Missionary Diplomacy: Wilson
   1. Moral Responsibility
   2. Promote Democracy
   3. Don’t recognize oppressive, undemocratic, hostile countries
      1. Intervene in Mexico