

Bell Work – Monday October 2, 2017



Thinking about U.S. History, what does this picture represent?



- **Manifest Destiny** – a term for the prevalent attitude during the 19th century period of American expansion that the United States not only could, but was destined by God to control as much of North America as possible.

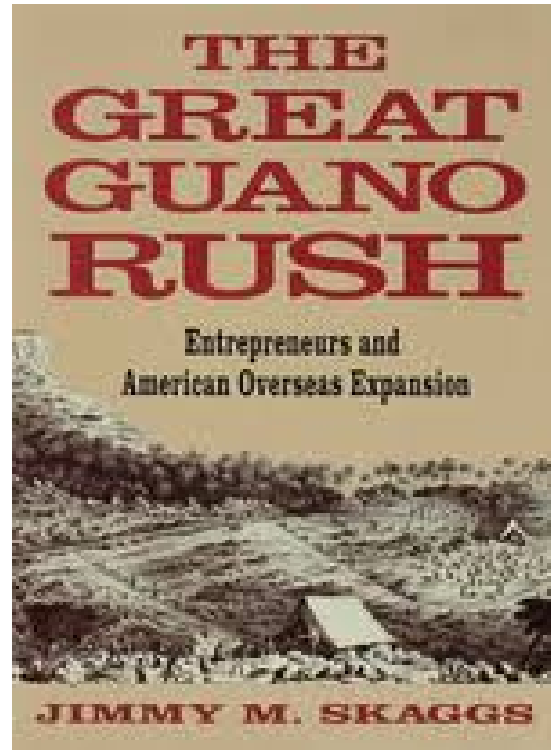
In your own words, rewrite the above definition of “Manifest Destiny”.

U.S. Presence in the Pacific

- By 1853, the continental boundaries of the United States were complete. But the era of Manifest Destiny was not over.
- February 1784 – first American ship sailed to China.



- 1840s - Americans began searching for guano (bat or bird excrement) throughout the Caribbean and the Pacific to use as an agricultural fertilizer and as a primary source of saltpeter for gunpowder.
- 1850s - private, economic interests in trading and excavating natural resources became the primary motivation for U.S. movement into the Pacific Ocean.

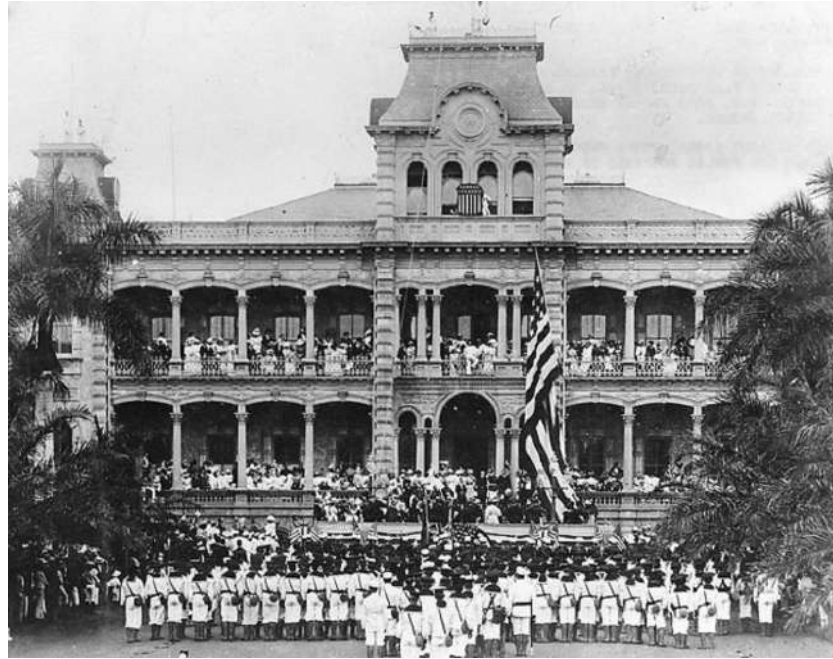


Brief History of Hawaii

- In the late 1820s, the first Americans began to settle in Hawaii when Presbyterian and Congregational missionaries founded schools to convert and “Americanize” Hawaiians.
- By the 1840s, sugar plantations began to grow in Hawaii. Prices of sugar skyrocketed during the American Civil War.
- American plantation owners struggled for political power in Hawaii in order to ensure favorable tax policies on their sugar.

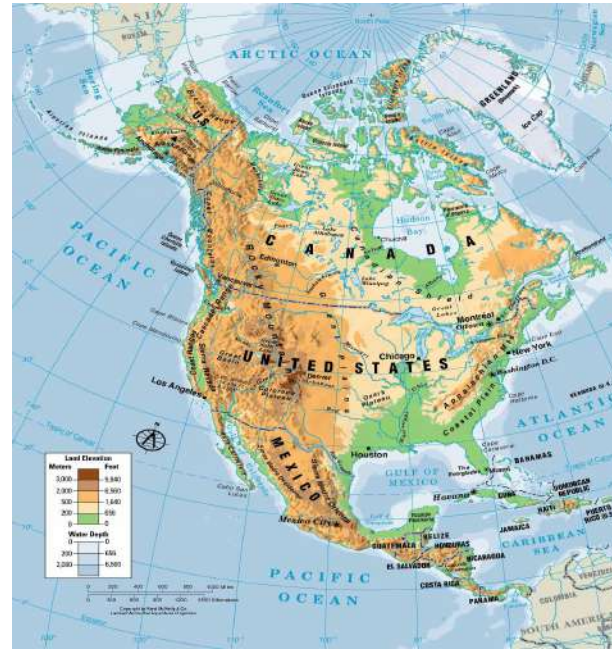


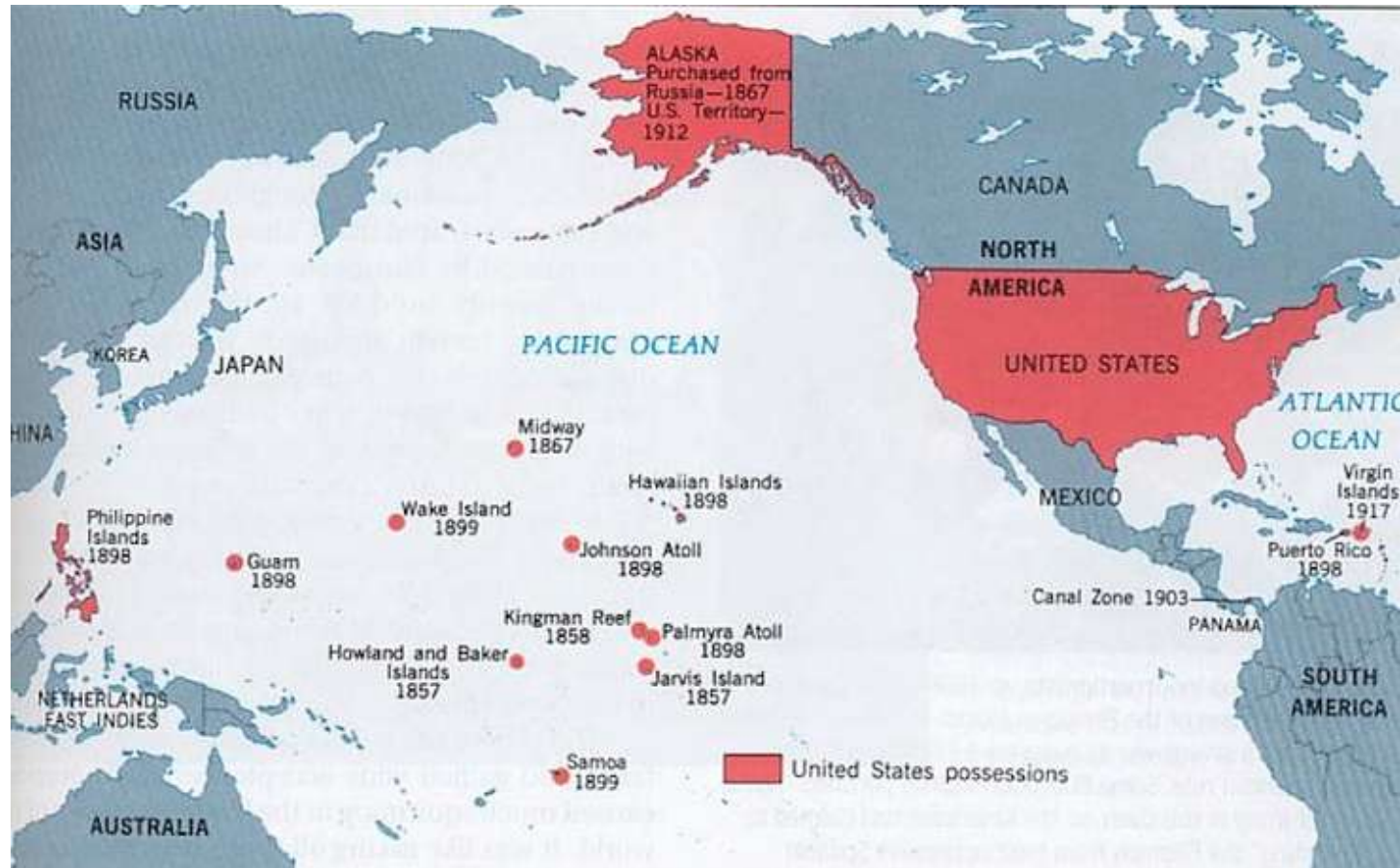
- 1893 – Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown when a group of businessmen and sugar planters, with the help of the U.S. Navy forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.
- 1900 – Hawaii became an official territory of the U.S.
- 1959 – Admitted as a state



Brief History of Alaska

- Controlled by Russia from the late 1700s to 1867.
- Acquired by the United States from Russia in 1867 as a territory for \$7.2 million. (approx. 2 cents per acre)
- Critics of the purchase believed the land had nothing to offer. However, the discovery of gold in the 1890s created “gold rush”
- Admitted as a state in 1959





1. Why would the United States want to extend its power into the Pacific between 1857-1899?
2. Why is discussing the idea of “Manifest Destiny” significant when studying U.S. foreign policy?

Spanish-American War

- Fought between the U.S. and Spain in 1898. Conflict sparked after the sinking of the USS Maine.
- The U.S. backed an ongoing revolution in Cuba against

Puerto Rico – What's the difference between being a state and a territory?

- <http://time.com/4957011/is-puerto-rico-part-of-us/>
- <http://www.history.com/news/puerto-ricos-complicated-history-with-the-united-states>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2KehxKQ3Zk>
 1. How many people live in Puerto Rico?
 2. What has made recovery difficult in Puerto Rico?
 3. Why did companies start to leave Puerto Rico in the 1990s?
 4. What impact has the Jones Act had on Puerto Ricans?