

AT U.S. History
Harrison

Focus Question for American Spirit reading
Due Tuesday - October 21, 2014

Launching the Monroe Doctrine
pages 257-263 - The American Spirit Vol. I

I. Thomas Jefferson Turns Pro-British (1823) - (Jefferson is 80 years old)

1. Why has Jefferson turned to pro-British?
2. What is Cuba seen as so promising to the United States?

II. John Quincy Adams Rejects a Joint Declaration (1823) (son of John Adams)

1. Why is Quincy Adams so dubious about an American alliance with Britain?
2. What does Quincy Adams think the prospect of the U.S. taking Texas or Cuba?

III. James Monroe Warns the European Powers (1823)

1. Did Monroe aim his warnings at non-colonization of the Northwest by the Russians or was he really going at another target? What might that other target be?
2. To what extent did Monroe's words tie the hands of the U.S. when it came to claiming other lands such as Cuba?

IV. A Baltimore Editor Exults (1823)

1. Based on this editorial, how did many Americans see the Monroe Doctrine?
2. What future role does the writer see for the United States?

VI. Prince Metternich is Miffed (1824)

1. Why does Metternich so dislike what Monroe has proclaimed in the Monroe Doctrine?
2. Based on what you learned about Metternich in 10th grade World History, what does Metternich seek in Europe and throughout the world?