

The Pressure to Expand: U.S. Foreign Policy and Pro-Imperialism Arguments

Directions: Read Chapter 10, Section 1 (pages 352-356) and answer the questions below.

I. Imperialism

a. Define Imperialism:

b. Summarize each argument for why imperialism grew during the late 1800s.

Economic Factors:

Nationalistic Factors (Be sure to define nationalism in your response)

Military Factors

Humanitarian Factors

c. Of the four reasons above, which one do you think was the best argument for practicing imperialism? The worst? Why?

II. Expanding U.S. Interests

a. What warning did President George Washington give in his Farewell Address in 1796?

b. The Monroe Doctrine was issued by President James Monroe in 1823. The Monroe Doctrine would form the basis of our foreign policy decisions for most of the next century after it was issued. What did it say?

c. Think back to 8th grade....What was Manifest Destiny? (Look it up in the back of the book if you need to) Give three examples where the U.S. expanded in the name of Manifest Destiny during the mid-19th century.

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III. Arguments for U.S. Expansion

Summarize each argument for U.S. expansion listed below.

a. Summarize each argument for U.S. expansion listed below.

Promoting Economic Growth

Protecting American Security

Preserving the American Spirit

b. Of the three reasons above, which one do you think was the best argument for U.S. expansion? The worst? Why?

IV. What do you think about imperialism? Is it a fair practice? Who does it benefit? Who does it harm?