# Seizing an American Empire (Key Events That Continue Today)

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| **Lesson 4-------------------------------------------------------------** Use the **2 map quizzes.**   1. The shift to colonies off the continent  * Manifest destiny, racism, imperialism * Alfred Thayer Mahon, *Influence of Sea Power* * Yellow journalism, Pulitzer and Hearst  1. Hawaii, coup by Sanford Dole, annexation 2. Spanish colony of Cuba  * Events: *The Maine,* Rough Riders * and the Teller Amendment * and the Platt Amendment (and Guantanamo)  1. Territories gained from Spanish American War  * Philippines (Anti-Imperialist League), Guam * Puerto Rico  1. China- Open Door Policy and John Hayes |

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Color coding in Chronologies to help you spot these areas that we will be talking about in each section of time:

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| Pink | China |
| Light Red | Hawaii/Pacific (including Alaska, Philippines, Guam, Samoa, Wake Island) |
| Light Grey | Latin America/Caribbean |
| Teal | Germany (the closest color to the one on the World Map) |

## Background in the United States and World Imperialism

1. Before the Civil War, the *Pageant* textbook explains that United States had the Monroe Doctrine:
   * In 1823, a combination of verbal support for new republics (185) and the ”Self-Defense Doctrine” by avoiding an enemy “foothold” (187)

What is self-defense: **“**the act of defending oneself, one's property, or a close relative” or “an affirmative defense (as to a murder charge) alleging that the defendant used force necessarily to protect himself or herself because of a reasonable belief that the other party intended to inflict great bodily harm or death” (URL: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/self-defense>)

* + In the 1840s, with Texas annexation because of feared British desires (272)
  + In the 1840s, combined with “manifest destiny,” a term usually associated with newspaperman John Louis O’Sullivan
  + In the 1840s, with the Mexican War and the subsequent Mexican territories gained to the West Coast, including the “golden prize” of California rumored to be a British desire (276)
  + In the 1860s during the American Civil War, with the French taking over Mexico and US action limited until after the defeat of the South when Secretary of State Seward uses diplomacy and treats to get the French to leave.

(URL: <https://history.state.gov/departmenthistory/short-history/seward> - covers both this event and the purchase of Alaska)

1. Before the Civil War and after it, the US had racism toward African Americans and had anti-immigrant (nativism) responses to the Irish and others.
2. Since the late 1400s, European nation-states created colonies in the Americas, the Caribbean, and the Far East—but **not** Africa.
3. In the late part of the 1800s, European nation (and Japan) made one last race for empire. (See the map of imperialism in 1900 in the course.) This imperialistic push included 2 late comers:
   * Germany
   * United States

## Background: 1860s - Alaska – Seward’s “Folly” (but later gold and oil)

| **19** | **Date** | **Presidential Election** | **Beyond America** |
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|  | 1865-04 | A. Johnson, President |  |
|  | 1867-02 |  | Russia, Alaska as willing sale; bribes |

## Late 1880s and 1890s Events and People Who Have Ripple Effects

### 1885 Josiah Strong – – Letting Him Speak for Himself

* Background – Minister and popularizer
* Author of *Our Country: Its Popular Future and Its Present Crisis* Representative quotation.  
  “God with infinite wisdom and skill, is training the Anglo-Saxon **race** for an hour sure to come in the world's future. … And can anyone doubt that the result of this **competition of races will be the "survival of the fittest?"** [Bold added]   
  If you want to read the text where the … are click [here](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~ppennock/doc-JStrong.htm) (URL: <http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~ppennock/doc-JStrong.htm> )  
  Notice that racism and considering national origin a *race* and Herbert Spenser’s Social Darwinism is part of the world view

### 1890 US Demographics – Census Bureau declares the end of the frontier

Think what that means at least these 2 groups:

* For those not doing well and looking for a fresh start
* For manufactures and sellers of good

### 1890s Alfred Thayer Mahon (1840-1914) – Letting Him Speak for Himself

* Background– naval officer; lecturer on naval history and what is called “tactics”
* Author of *Influence of Sea Power upon History, 1660-1783* in 1890-among other books, including one that goes to 1812  
  Who is the big sea power 1660-1812?
* Influential in the United States, on the US Secretaries of the Navy and particularly on Theodore Roosevelt, and on Germany
* Major arguments:
  + Big navy is quantity and in size of ships (battleships) (Why?0
  + Naval bases (Why?)
  + Colonies (Why?)
* Representative quotations:
  + “Whether they will or not, Americans must now begin to look outward. The growing production of the country demands it.”   
    *The Interest of America in Sea Power* (1897) Why?
  + “War now not only occurs more rarely . . . [but is] an occasional excess, from which recovery is easy."   
    Not from my book collection but I had been looking for it and this—thus far—is the closest I can find. Click [here for the source.](http://c250.columbia.edu/c250_celebrates/remarkable_columbians/alfred_thayer_mahan.html) (URL: Click <http://c250.columbia.edu/c250_celebrates/remarkable_columbians/alfred_thayer_mahan.html>)  
    Notice the date of his death. How did the years beginning in 1914 modify that view by Europe and the US?

### 1890s Rivalry -Yellow Journalism, Pulitzer, and Hearst – the New Journalism and New Goal

* Yellow Journalism – why the name?
* William Randolph Hearst – *New York Journal*
* Joseph Pulitzer – *New York World* - What else is Pulitzer known for?

## 1882 1894 Reminders of the Chinese and the *Beginning* of What Happens to Hawaii

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| **>** | 1882 |  |  | **Chinese** Exclusion Act – 10 year | | |  | |  |  |  |
|  | 1887-02 |  | Hawaii-US treaty renewed **& sugar** |  | | | … | |  |  |  |
|  | **1888-**11 | **Benjamin Harrison** v. Grover Cleveland |  |  | | |  | |  |  |  |
|  | 1889-04 |  |  |  | | | Oklahoma Land Rush | |  | Hull House– Jane Addams |  |
|  | 1890 |  |  | Sherman Anti-Trust | | | Wounded Knee, South Dakota | | McKinley Tariff **& sugar in** Hawaii |  |  |
| **>** | 1890 |  | A.T. Mahan - *The Influence of Sea Power upon History* |  | | | Census Bureau: **end of frontier** | |  |  |  |
|  | Sherman Silver Purchase Act |
| **>** | 189*2* |  |  | **Chinese** – new 10 year extension | | |  | |  |  |  |
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| **>** | 1892-01 |  | Coup, Hawaii – Sanford B. Dole,[[1]](#endnote-1)  elected President; US minister to Hawaii declaration of US protectorate**–** | Ellis Island opens | | |  | |  | Homer A. Plessy, case begins |  |
| **>** | 1892-02 |  | Hawaii annexation treaty proposed |  | | |  | |  |  |  |
|  | **1892**-11 | Benjamin Harrison v. **Grover Cleveland** v. James B. Weaver |  | |  |  | | [Panic of 1893](#_Causes_of_the) | |  |  |
| **>** | 1893-03 | Cleveland’s decision | Hawaii investigation | |  |  | |  | |  |  |
|  | 1893-08 | Cleveland, special session -[Why?](#panicof1893) |  | |  |  | |  | |  |  |
|  | 1893-11 |  |  | |  |  | | Sherman Silver Purchase Act -repeal | |  |  |
| **>** | 1893-12 | Cleveland’s decision | Hawaii annexation treaty not submitted | |  |  | |  | |  |  |
| **>** | 1894 |  | Republic of Hawaii recognized | |  |  | | Pullman Strike – American Railway Union Strike – E.V. Debs | | “Legal Tender” Jacob Coxey’s Army – petition for road building (jobs) |  |
|  | 1895 |  |  | | *Pollock v. Farmers’ Loan and Trust Co*.[[2]](#footnote-1) |  | | US Bond sale - handled by J.P. Morgan | | Atlanta Exposition[[3]](#endnote-2) speech – Booker T. Washington |  |

## 1895-1899 Cuba (The Teller Amendment), Puerto Rico, Guam (and 2 more Pacific Island), the *Ending* of Hawaii, and the Surprise That Is the Philippines

***Caution about this Period:*** What’s guerrilla warfare? This is a different kind of world:

* Spain and the reconcentration camps (bad and deadly, but not the Nazi version in the 1940s) against groups wanting Cuba to be a nation (and the British version of this)
* United States and its methods in the Philippines

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|  | 1895 |  | Cuban rebellion | Knight case –Supreme Court |  |  |  |
|  | 1896 |  | Cubans establish a PR branch in the US | *Plessy V. Ferguson -* ***decided*** |  |  |  |
|  | **1896**-11 | **William McKinley** *vs*. William Jennings Bryan |  |  |  |  | Populist support for Bryan *- What are the Populists’ issues.* |
| **>** | 1898-01 |  | Cuban riot |  |  |  |  |
| **>** | 1898-028-01 |  | Battleship *Maine –*US sends  de Lôme letter |  |  | [Reminder:](#_Keyword_List_on_1) Hearst and Pulitzer – |  |
|  | 1898-02 |  | *Maine* explosion |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1908 |  | War authorized - Teller Amendment |  |  |  |  |
| **>** | 1898-05 |  | Dewey in Manilla – Planned since 1895 |  |  |  |  |
| **>** | 1898-07 |  |  |  | Hawaii annexation – by joint resolution (not treaty) ***- Why? When before?*** |  |  |
| **>** | 1898-11 |  |  |  |  | US -Anti-Imperialist League formed- key issue will be the Philippines |  |
| **>** | 1899 |  | Treaty ending war - Senate approval | **Notice Cuba is not in this list >** | Guam  Philippines  Puerto Rico |  |  |
| **>** |  |  | Filipino resistance - Emilio Aguinaldo |  |  | **<Caution This unrest continues** |  |

## 1899-1901 Cuba (The Platt Amendment), China, and the *Ending* the Philippine Insurrection

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| **>**  **>** | 1899 |  | Open Door – China – trade –Secretary of State John Hay[[4]](#endnote-3) |  | Annexation  - Wake Island  - Eastern Samoa Islands- US splits Samoa with Germany |  |  |
|  | 1900-08 |  | Boxer Rebellion and US troops |  |  |  |  |
| **>** | 1901 |  | Aquinaldo capture (resistance through 1902, 1906) – end military rule; Taft, governor. |  |  | **<Caution This unrest continues** |  |
| **>** | 1901-03 |  | Platt Amendment –Cuba - Guantanamo and our right to intervene | **< Notice US indirectly took Cuba** |  |  |  |

#### Background: Terms on Spanish American War:

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| * “Smoked Yankees” – name for African Americans (not in the test, but a clue to the world) * “splendid little war” – phrase by John Hay * Rough Riders |

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1. Where have you seen the name *Dole* in a grocery store? [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. It is the 1894 income tax that goes to the Supreme Court and the court declares this tax unconstitutional—thus the later amendment to the Constitution. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
3. W.E.B. Du Bois calls it the Atlanta *Compromise –* given American history and what events we have labeled as a *Compromise,* not a compliment.. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
4. John Hay also coined the phrase a “splendid little war.” [↑](#endnote-ref-3)