

Section 1, Activity 1

Territorial Growth, 1865-1917

The U.S. acquired a great deal of territory in the years between the end of the Civil War and the end of World War I. Some of this territory was on the North American continent. Some of it was “overseas.”

Your task for this activity is to create a project that shows **how**, **when**, and **from whom** the U.S. acquired the following territories:

- o Alaska
- o Midway
- o Hawaii
- o Puerto Rico
- o the Philippines
- o Guam
- o American Samoa
- o Wake Island
- o the American Virgin Islands

Your project could take a number of forms. Some ideas are:

- o an annotated poster-sized map
- o an illustrated chart
- o an illustrated timeline
- o an illustrated flowchart
- o a mobile
- o a comic book
- o a web site
- o ???

These are only a few of the possibilities. Be creative and original, but be sure that you also...

- a) **show** the growth of the United States,
- b) **indicate** the sequence in which the territories were acquired, and
- c) **explain** how, when, and why each territory became a part of the U.S.