

# The Age of Imperialism

## Worksheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### The United States Reaches Beyond North America

1. In 1867 the territory of Alaska was added to the United States.
  - a. How did we get it?
  - b. Who was most responsible for the U.S. obtaining this territory?
  - c. How did many Americans feel about our acquisition of Alaska?
  
2. Why did Americans become more interested in other parts of the world in the late 1800's?  
(3 reasons)
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  
3. What European power ruled the island of Cuba?
  
4. In 1895, the people of Cuba rebelled against Spanish rule. Many Americans sympathetic toward the Cubans because:
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  
5. The event that led to war with Spain was the explosion of the U.S. Battleship \_\_\_\_\_ in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Was it ever proven that Spain was connected to this event? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

6. The Spanish-American War was \_\_\_\_\_. During the war, more Americans died from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than from enemy bullets.
7. Results of the Spanish-American War:
- a. What happened to Spain as a result of losing the Spanish-American War?
  - b. What happened to Cuba as a result of the Spanish-American War?
  - c. What did the U.S. gain as a result of winning the Spanish-American War?
8. How did the people of the Philippines react to becoming a U.S. colony? When did the Philippines finally gain independence?

### **The United States Improves Relations with Latin America**

9. With possessions in Latin America and Asia, the U.S. needed a shorter route between the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Oceans. The answer was to build a canal across \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The Panama Canal:
- f. What nation did Panama belong to in 1902?
  - g. How did Panama gain independence?
  - h. How did the U.S. get permission to build a canal across the new nation of Panama?
  - i. When was the Panama Canal opened?

11. Why and from whom did the U.S. buy the Virgin Islands in 1917?

12. What happened to the Panama Canal in the year 2000?

13. For what two reasons has the U.S. been interested in Latin America?

a.

b.

14. What previous document and policy did President Theodore Roosevelt use to prevent European nations from occupying Venezuela in 1902?

15. Roosevelt expanded this document. In what has become known as the **Roosevelt Corollary**, he said that the U.S. would not only protect the nations of the Western Hemisphere, but would also use its power to keep order in those nations. In effect, the U.S. became the "policeman" of the Western Hemisphere. As a result, between 1905 and 1934 the U.S. sent troops to keep order in a number of different Latin American countries. *Name them.*

16. How did the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean feel about U.S. interference in their affairs in the early years of the 1900's?

### **The United States Becomes Interested in the Far East**

17. How did Hawaii become part of the U.S.?

18. For what two reasons did the U.S. want an "Open Door" policy in China? (Complete the phrases.)

a. to keep other countries from...

b. to protect American...

19. For what two reasons were the visits of Commodore Matthew Perry to Japan in 1853 and 1854 important? (Complete the sentences.)

a. Perry's visits opened trade...

b. Japan became...