

The Age of Imperialism

Activity 1 Reading Guide

Name: _____

Period: _____

1. The buildup of empires was called _____.
2. Industrialization led to imperialism because industrialized nations needed...
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. Markets are _____
_____.
4. Because most ships of the late 1800's and early 1900's burned coal as their fuel, places where ships could refuel were known as _____.
5. Nationalism is _____
_____.
6. The new meaning of "manifest destiny" in the late 1800's was that the United States should _____
_____.
7. By 1900, the United States had an _____.
8. The first distant territory to come under American control was _____.
9. The treaty that ended the Spanish-American War added _____,
_____, the _____, and
_____ to United States territory. The island nation of _____ was also *annexed* during that war.
10. _____ - _____ opposed the U.S. holding colonies.
11. Anti-imperialists did not want the U.S. to have colonies for the following reasons:
 - a. _____

 - b. _____

 - c. _____

 - d. _____

Read each sentence in the sentence bank below and decide if it is an argument for or against imperialism. Write the letter in front of each sentence in the correct column of the graphic organizer.

SENTENCE BANK	
<p>A. If we do not compete for colonies other nations will think we are weak.</p> <p>B. The United States needs more trade markets.</p> <p>C. Foreign people cannot adapt to American life.</p> <p>D. It is wrong to rule over people not represented in Congress.</p> <p>E. Many of the lands that we would make colonies cannot properly govern themselves. They need our help.</p>	<p>F. The United States should expand its power and glory by taking colonies.</p> <p>G. It is hard to govern and protect overseas colonies.</p> <p>H. Overseas colonies cause new problems for the country.</p> <p>I. The United States needs new sources of raw materials.</p> <p>J. The United States needs naval bases in other parts of the world to protect our interests.</p>

Should the United States acquire an empire?	
<p><i>Arguments in favor of imperialism...</i></p>	<p><i>Arguments opposed to imperialism...</i></p>