

# Imperialism: Becoming a World Power

## TOPIC SUMMARY

It was the Industrial Revolution that made nations into imperialist powers. A nation with a strong industrial economy needed world markets. Controlling regions overseas helped guarantee those markets. Nations in Western Europe blazed the imperialist trail, but the United States followed the European path after its industrial power was established. The annexation of the Philippines after the Spanish-American War sent a strong signal to other nations that the United States was ready to compete on the world scene.

### Summarizing the Forces of Imperialism

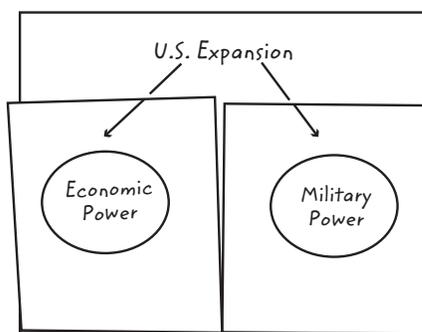
Territory	Reasons for Acquisition	Results of Acquisition
Puerto Rico		
Hawaii		
Philippines		

#### Folded Table

Imperialism is a complex phenomenon. It developed from a number of motives. It involved government as well as business and other groups in society. It also concerned different parts of the world, and European competitors. Have students create a Folded Table to summarize some of this information, aligning areas acquired with the reasons for and results of that American acquisition.

**Materials Needed:** one sheet of 8.5" by 11" paper.

### Taking Notes

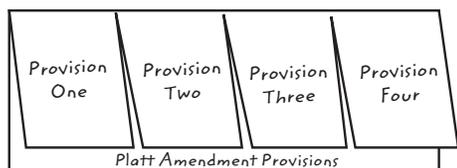


#### Concept-Map Book

By creating this Foldable, students can understand the relationship between economic and military power, as well as how both reflect imperialism. Have students review the material, reflecting on how and whether growth in the economy and the military are related. They should be careful especially to note the years in which both developments occurred. Events or developments will be listed under the military power tab and the economic power tab.

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### Identifying Provisions of the Platt Amendment



#### Four-Tab Book

While the United States did not annex Cuba outright, it nevertheless established strong control over that Caribbean nation. The means of control are well laid out in the Platt Amendment. This is an important piece of legislation for students to

understand because it highlights how American imperialism sometimes operated in Latin America.

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