

# Aim: How did American foreign policy change over the course of the 19th Century?

- **Do Now**: What is meant by U.S. foreign policy?



## U.S. Foreign Policy - How the United States interacts with other countries.

- (1789-1797) Neutrality/Non Alignment –Washington
- (1800-1850) Westward Expansion– U.S. acquired Territory west to the Pacific
- (1890-1900) Overseas Expansion -U.S. expanded its influence and took colonies in Asia and Latin America



**Territorial Growth to 1853**

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# Frontier

- 1650- along the Atlantic Coast
- 1750 – spread to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains
- 1840 – reached the Mississippi River
- 1890 –Frontier Closed



# Age of Imperialism 1870-1914

## **IMPERIALISM:**

A foreign policy in which a country exercises political and/or economic control over another country.

**Colony:** a country or area under the full or partial control of another country

- **Europeans took control of Africa and much of Asia**



**MAJOR WORLD STATES AND COLONIAL POSSESSIONS, 1900**

	Belgium		German Empire		Italy		Portugal		United States
	France		Great Britain		The Netherlands		Spain		Other Independent states

# American Imperialism



- **1867** - Alaska was purchased by the United States from Russia in for **7.2 million**
- **William Seward** – United States secretary of state from 1861-1869 who negotiated the purchase of Alaska
- **Seward's Ice Box or Seward's Folly** – name that was mockingly given to the purchase of Alaska.
- Gold and Black Gold discovered



