

AMERICAN EXPANSIONISM, 1861-1917

Differences between earlier expansionism?

EARLY (PRE-CIVIL WAR)

LATE (POST CIVIL-WAR)

Reasons for expansionism

Closing of the Frontier:	Industrialization and rise of big business:	International Darwinism:	Navalism (Alfred Thayer Mahan)	Social Darwinism (Reverend Josiah Strong)	White Man's Burden	Nationalism/Jingoism
With settlement of "last frontier", Turner and others looked outward	Markets for growing industries Resources for manufacturing	Rivalry with European Powers	Argued every great power had a great navy. Country needed coaling stations, naval bases and a canal through Central America	Limited land and growing populations would inevitably lead to "competition between the races" for land and resources.	Poem – Rudyard Kipling 1899 Westerners had an moral obligation to uplift and Christianize "backward" peoples.	Aggressive nationalism.