The Emergence of America as a World Power

American Imperialism:
Political and Economic Expansion
Needs for expansion (Imperialism)

- Nationalism, Natural Resources, Geopolitics, Social Darwinism (Our Country)
- Mahan’s Sea Power Theory
  - Businesses saw potential markets - Open Door Policy in China
  - Boxer Rebellion
- Alaska - Purchase from Russia
  - Seward’s Folly
- Hawaii - US sugar planters organize revolt, annexed 1898
"THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN"
Anti-Imperialism

- Democrats became anti-imperialistic
  - Did not want competition for jobs
- Foreigners migrating
- Morally wrong
Spanish American War (Splendid Little war)

- Reconcentration in Cuba sparks concern
  - Sugar Plantations
- Spain rounds up Cubans
  - Yellow Journalism stoked war fever
- Sent the USS Maine to Havana
  - Get Americans out
  - Provide Protection
  - It Blows up
US declares war

- Teller Amendment-Cuba will gain independence
  - Rough Riders
  - Conquers Cuba-Battle of San Juan Hill
  - Cuba becomes independent

- Platt Amendment-US could veto treaties, Cuba promised not to go into debt, leased land to US
Philippines

- Takes Philippines
  - Help of Emilio Aguinaldo
- Treaty of Paris 1898 - No independence
  - (Emilio Aguinaldo-Resistance)
- Supreme Court Insular Cases- Constitution does not follow flag
Foreign policy during the progressive era

- Roosevelt Presidency (Big Stick Policy or gunboat diplomacy)
  - Building of a 'Blue Water' Navy-Great White Fleet
- Roosevelt Corollary-Will enforce Monroe Doctrine
  - Gun Boat Diplomacy-Aided Panamanian revolt
  - Builds Panama Canal
  - Latin America views US as Colossus of the North
  - Russo-Japanese War-Roosevelt mediates Treaty of Portsmouth
Foreign policy during the progressive era

- Taft Presidency (Dollar Diplomacy)-Expand business
  - Aid friendly business countries
Wilson Moral Diplomacy

• US would spread democracy
  • American Exceptionalism-Mission to spread democracy
  • US involved in Mexican Civil War
  • Monroe Doctrine needed to be enforced the "correct way"
    • Mexican intervention, Venezuela, Samoa
WWI
• War In Europe and American Neutrality
• War breaks out in Europe-US declares neutrality
  • US industry boomed, bankers loaned money (Allies)
  • Germany counters British blockade with submarines
• Sinking of Lusitania-Opinion turns against Germany
  • British propaganda highlights German brutality
  • -Sussex Pledge-no sub warfare if blockade was lifted
Wilson

- Wilson wants to stay out of war - Campaign on issue
- Germany resumes submarine warfare
- Zimmerman Note - Mexico enter war, will get land back
- Wilson declares War “Make World Safe for Democracy”
  - Wilson’s Fourteen Points - Peace without Victory, A war to end War
The First World War at home

• Government wanted voluntary compliance- Doesn't happen
  • Creel Committee (Committee on Public Information)- Sell public the war, censorship
  • Anti German sentiments, lynching's, 18th Amendment
  • Liberty Leagues, Espionage Act, Sedition Acts
• Targets IWW (Eugene Debbs)-Wobblies
  • Revenue Acts 1916, 1917-Increased taxes
Increase Government Control

• Schenk v US-Congress may limit speech to prevent danger
• War Industries Board-Central control of War Production
  • Liberty Loans-Bond Drive
  • Selective Service Act-Universal Male Conscription