CHAPTER 20 THE UNITED STATES LOOKS OVERSEAS

Directions: As you read the text, answer the questions/complete the task. Your answers should be in complete sentences. Use a separate sheet of paper to record your answers.

Section 1: Eyes on the Pacific

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1. What idea “drove” the United States to expand its borders?
2. Who presented a letter to the Japanese government “calling for Japan to [trade with America]?”
3. What might have influenced the Japanese to start trading with the United States?
4. Why might the U.S. Secretary of State want to purchase Alaska from Russia?
5. What did some Americans refer to the purchase of Alaska as?
6. What did George Washington suggest that America do when it comes to foreign affairs?
7. What would Washington be referred to as, an isolationist or an imperialist; what would Seward be?
8. What two reasons would Americans have in supporting expansionism?
9. Answer the first question regarding the cartoon titled *Seward’s Folly*.
10. How did Frederick Jackson Turner view American history, do historians agree with his view?
11. What are European countries doing that makes Americans want to expand beyond its borders?
12. What does Alfred T. Mahan state that a country needs in order to become prosperous and how does this help the country?
13. What were the American “values” that some believe needed to shared with other “lesser-races?”
14. What value did the islands of Somoa have to the United States?
15. Who was the first white person to land in the Hawaiian Islands?
16. How did American economic interest affect the Hawaiian Kingdom?
17. What did Queen Liliuokalani attempt to do upon succeeding her brother?
18. How did Grover Cleveland react to the businessmen’s role in overthrowing the government of Hawaii?
19. What was McKinley’s opinion of annexing Hawaii and what occurred in July 7, 1898?
20. What was China forced to do by outside countries when it came to foreign policy?
21. What does U.S. Secretary of States John Hay “call on” European countries to do when it comes to China?
22. What is the response to Hay’s call concerning China?
23. How did some Chinese respond because of their resentment of foreigners in their country?
24. How did the U.S. and European countries respond to the Boxer Rebellion?
25. What did John Hay’s second Open Door note call for countries to do?

**Section 2: The Spanish-American War**

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1. What country were the Cubans revolting against in their bid to gain their independence?
2. What practice did the Spanish implement against the Cuban people and what were the results?
3. What were two reasons Americans wanted to get involved in the Cuba’s revolution for independence?
4. What were Presidents Cleveland’s and McKinley’s reaction to the call to getting involved in Cuba?
5. What role did Pulitzer and Hearst play in trying to get the country involved in the war?
6. What was the purpose of the *USS Maine* being sent to Havana Harbor?
7. What happened to the battleship and what was Americans’ reaction?
8. What was McKinley’s initial reaction to calls for war?
9. When did the U.S. Congress declare war against Spain?
10. Where did the first battle between American and Spanish forces take place and what was the outcome?
11. What role did Emilio Aguinaldo play in the Spanish-American War?
12. What government position did Theodore Roosevelt give up in order to lead the Rough Riders?
13. When did the Spanish-American War end and what was the outcome?
14. Why would someone use the Declaration of Independence as an argument against taking colonies?
15. Someone arguing that America needed colonies and should have them, would be called a…?
16. When did the United States gain an empire?
17. Why did Cuba not gain its independence after Spain’s defeat?
18. What does the Cuban journalist’s statement, “The Americans have made our country free. As free as a dog on a leash.” Mean?
19. What caused Emilio Aquinaldo and other Filipinos to fight the Americans?
20. When did the Philippines gain their independence?

**Section 3: The United States and Latin America**

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1. What two reasons did Roosevelt have for wanting to build a canal?
2. What South American country controlled Panama in 1902?
3. Create a chart that illustrates the reasons Colombians’ had for rejecting Roosevelt’s offer?
4. How did Roosevelt get around paying Colombia for the right to build a canal?
5. How did the term “gunboat diplomacy” come about?
6. How much land did Panama allow the U.S. to build the Canal?
7. What are doctors Finlay and Ross know to discovering during the construction of the Panama Canal?
8. What geographic feature was the most challenging when it came to building the canal?
9. When construction of the canal was completed how many miles and days were cut from the trip between Florida to California?
10. In your own words, re-write the African proverb Roosevelt like to quote.
11. What was Roosevelt trying to prevent when he issued his corollary to the Monroe Doctrine?
12. Describe Taft’s “dollar diplomacy.”
13. What role did President Wilson see America taking when it came to relations with other countries?
14. What caused Wilson to take action against Mexico in 1914?
15. What caused American General John J. Pershing to invade Mexico and was he successful?