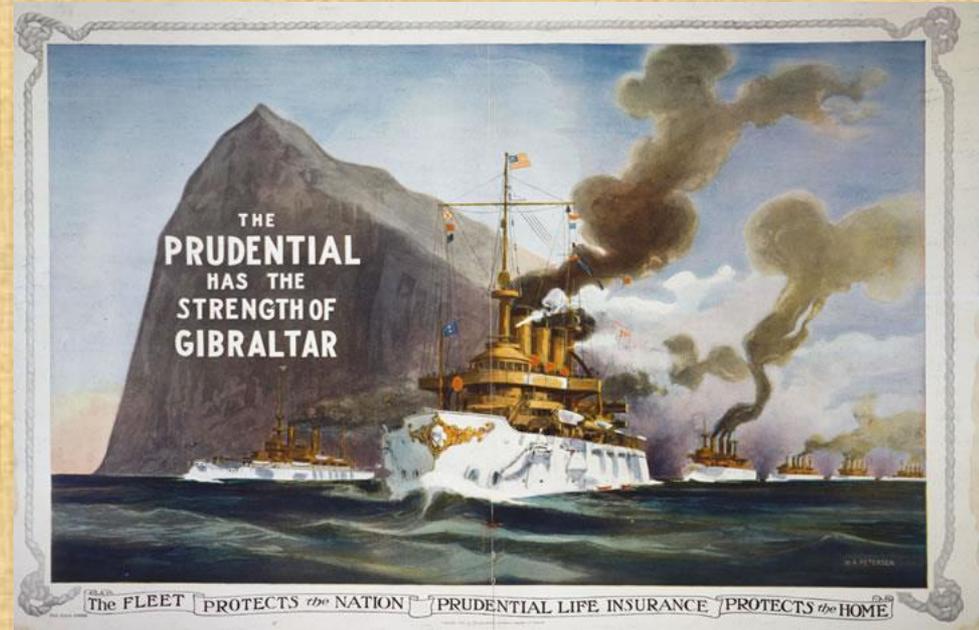


Imperialism and America

Chapter 10 – Section 1

United States Expands Overseas

- 1906 - Fleet of 16 U.S. battleships sail around the world
- Showed the world that the US was a power to be reckoned with
- Important step in expanding America's international interest



Imperialism

- **Imperialism** - policy of extending control over weaker nations
 - European countries practiced this in the 1700's and 1800's
- 1800s - Europeans divided up most of Africa & competed for China
- Japan joined race for China & US decided to expand overseas
- US didn't want to do this in the beginning
 - Once colonies ourselves
 - Couldn't afford a war

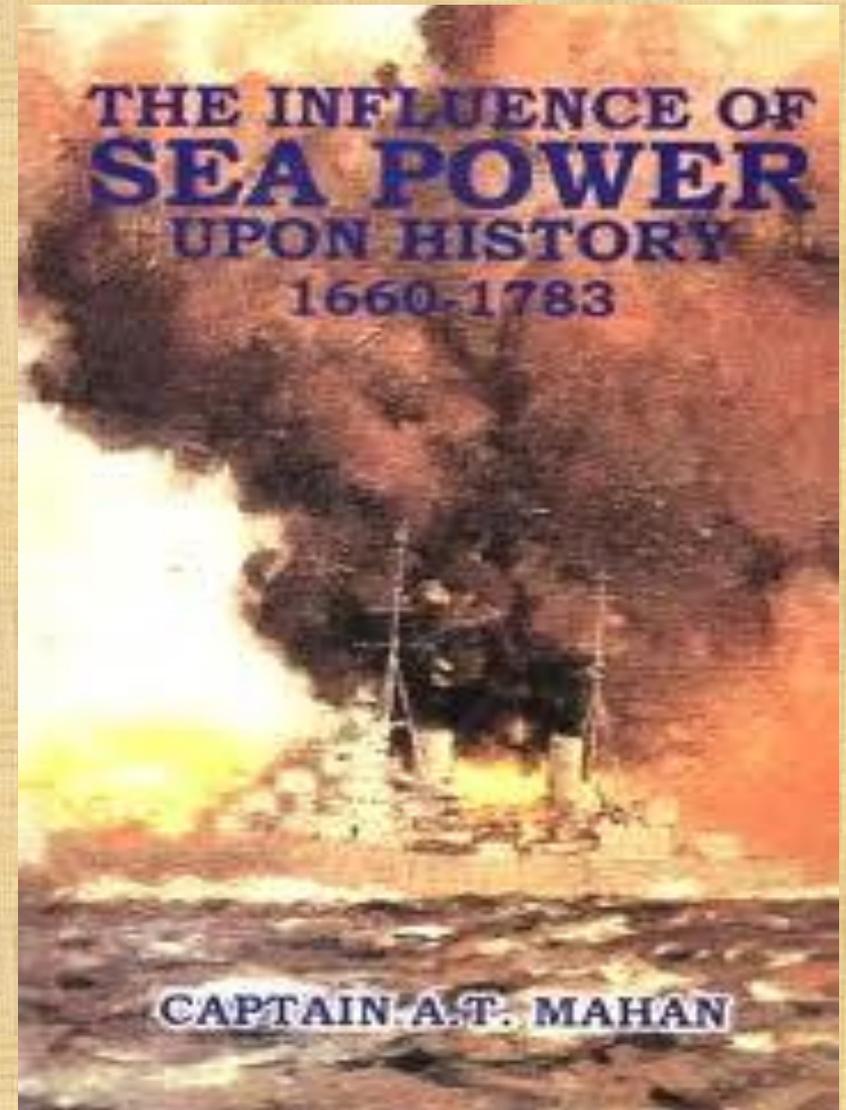
Reasons for American Expansion

1. Our attitude changed in the late 1800's for several reasons

- **Nationalism** - U.S. united again following Civil War
- People wanted to be a world power
- Needed colonies to be one

2. U.S developed a desire for Desire for **military strength**

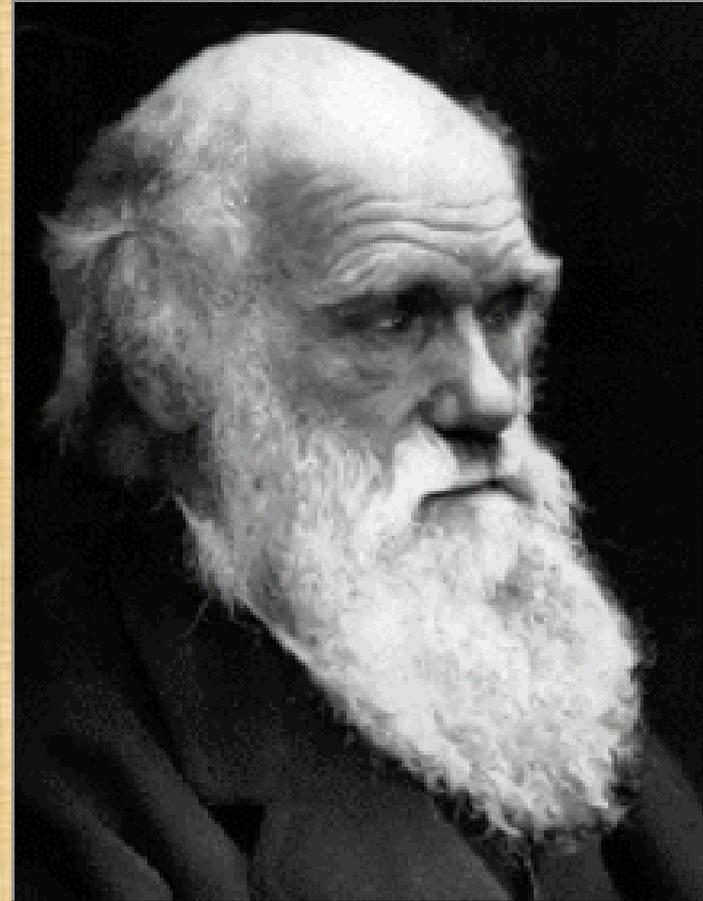
- **Admiral Alfred T. Mahan** urges U.S. to build up navy to compete
- U.S. builds modern battleships, becomes third largest naval power



Reasons for American Expansion

3. New ideas - **Charles Darwin** - survival of the fittest

- Social Darwinism
Americans believed that their society was superior and would spread throughout the world
- People argued the U.S. had duty to Christianize or civilize “inferior peoples”
 - Also used to support racism



Reasons for American Expansion

4. **Foreign Markets** - people wanted new markets for American goods

- U.S. farms, factories produced more than Americans could consume

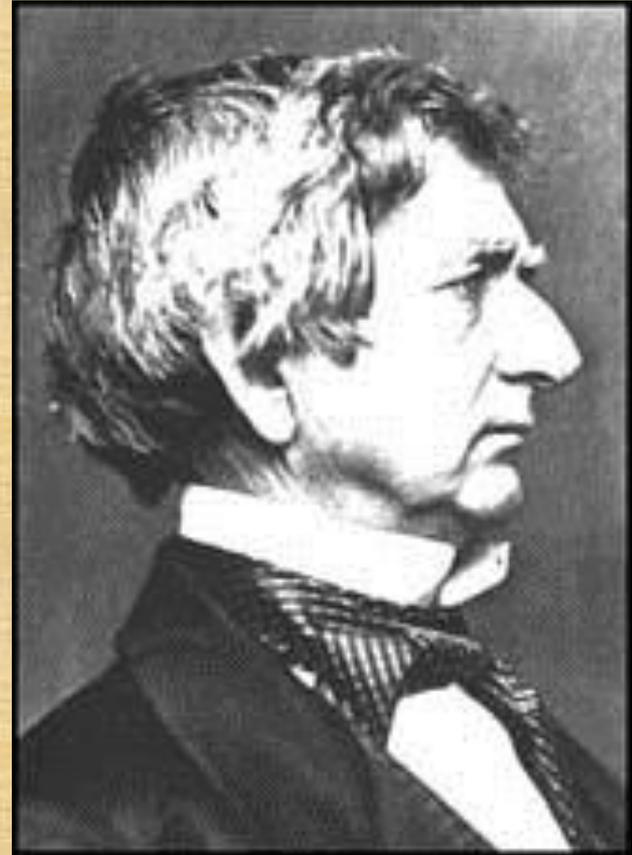
- U.S. needed raw materials & new markets for goods

- Foreign trade was the solution to overproduction, unemployment, & depression

- Began exporting more than we were importing

The United States Acquires Alaska

- **William Seward** –
Served as Secretary of State under Lincoln & Johnson
 - Tried to gain new lands for U.S.
- 1867 - ordered navy to occupy the Midway Islands in the Pacific Ocean
 - Valuable as a Fueling station to refuel ships



- 1867 - Arranged for the purchase of **Alaska** from **Russia** for \$7.2 million
 - Had trouble convincing House to fund purchase
 - Alaska called “Seward’s Icebox,” **“Seward’s Folly”**
 - Alaska rich in timber, minerals, oil
- Arranged for the U.S. to buy the Virgin Islands from Denmark
(Didn't actually occur until 1917)
 - Also wanted to add the Hawaiian Islands



The Annexation of Hawaii

- 1790s - U.S. merchants began stopping in Hawaii on way to China, India
- Early 1800's - Christian missionaries moved to Hawaii to convert the people
 - Yankee missionaries founded schools & churches on islands
 - Many of the missionaries' descendants became wealthy sugar and pineapple planters
 - They controlled the government



The Annexation of Hawaii

- Mid-1800s, American-owned sugar plantations 75% of islands' wealth
- In 1875, the US agreed to import sugar from Hawaii duty free.
- The McKinley Tariff of 1890 eliminated Hawaii's duty free status – American planters called for annexation so they wouldn't have to pay the duty.
- 1887, businessmen forced **King Kalakaua** to limit vote to wealthy landowners
- 1887, US pressures Hawaii to allow naval base at **Pearl Harbor**
 - Became refueling station



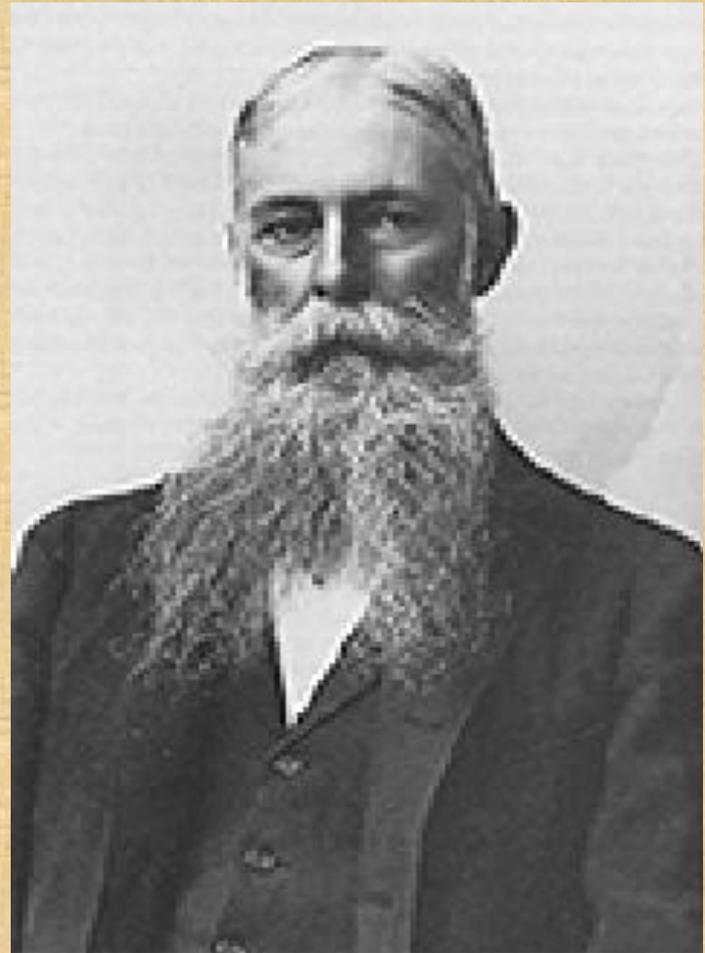
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- 1891 - **Queen Liliuokalani** came to power
 - She wanted to regain control of the island
 - Tried to remove landowning requirement for voting
 - “Hawaii for Hawaiians”
- Planters called the US government for help
- Hawaii was valuable refueling station
- U.S. sent marines
 - Marines and planters overthrew Queen



The Annexation of Hawaii

- Set up an independent republic
 - **Sanford Dole** named president
- Hawaii asked to be annexed by the US
 - **President Grover Cleveland** didn't want to annex it
 - President Cleveland could not make Dole surrender power to queen
 - recognized Republic of Hawaii



The Annexation of Hawaii

- 1898 – **Hawaii** was annexed following the Spanish American War
 - Congress proclaimed Hawaii a U.S. territory under President McKinley
 - Hawaii became the 50th state in 1959.