



LESSON 7.1.9 | WATCH | Crash Course US History #28 American Imperialism

PURPOSE

In this video, you will be introduced to the presidents of the Progressive Era in more detail. You'll find out who these men were, what causes and efforts they made that garnered them the title "Progressive President", and what successes and failures they met on their quest to better life in the United States. Also of note is the way in which these presidents, particularly Theodore Roosevelt, shaped the perception and expectations of the office.

LINK

- [Crash Course US History #28 – American Imperialism](#)

Watch the video on your own time, either at home, on your phone, or in the library.

PREVIEW

In which John Green teaches you about Imperialism. In the late 19th century, the great powers of Europe were running around the world obtaining colonial possessions, especially in Africa and Asia. The United States followed along and snapped up some colonies of its own. The US saw that Spain's hold on its empire was weak, and like some kind of expansionist predator, it jumped into the Cuban War for Independence and turned it into the Spanish-Cuban-Filipino-American War, which usually just gets called the Spanish-American War. John will tell you how America turned this war into colonial possessions like Puerto Rico, The Philippines, and almost got to keep Cuba. The US was busy in the Pacific

as well, wresting control of Hawaii from the Hawaiians. All this and more in a globe-trotting, oppressing episode of Crash Course US History.

PROCESS

As with all of the videos in the course, watch the video before class. Remember that John speaks quickly and you may benefit from having the captions turned on. If you missed something, be sure to pause or rewind the video. Keep in mind that one of the central ideas in this lesson is to understand the role of government in effecting change. In what ways was the creation of an American Empire inevitable in the face of growing American industry? How did Americans greet this expansion of empire?



LESSON 7.1.9 | WATCH | Key Ideas – Factual

Think about the following questions as you watch the video.

1. What is one of the primary goals (or causes) of imperialism?
2. What factors aligned to contribute to the growth of American imperialism in the 1890s?
3. What argument did Captain Alfred Thayer Mahan make in *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History*?
4. In addition to America's "new" imperialism, how was nationalism being expressed in new ways during the 1890s?
5. Why was Hawaii such a strategic geographic acquisition?
6. What reasons did America enter into a war with Spain? What reasons does John debunk?



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7. What were the results of the Philippine War?

8. According to Indiana Senator Albert Beveridge, where must America focus its commerce?

LESSON 7.1.9 | WATCH | Conceptual Thinking

Answer the following question to make connections across different concepts and think more critically about the information presented in the video.

1. Is America an imperialistic power today? In what ways is or isn't it? What examples of recent history can you provide to support claim?