



# American Imperialism: World Leader or Bully?

**Directions:** In the late 1800's America joined European powers in creating an overseas empire. This is called imperialism – when powerful nations exert their control over foreign territories. Listed below are key events in the building of America's overseas empire.

Use your textbook and internet resources to analyze these events. Determine whether America was acting as a world leader by promoting good or as a bully pushing smaller states around in America's best interest and provide evidence as to why

Events	Year 	World Leader or Bully	 Evidence
US Purchases Alaska			
US Takes Hawaii			
Spanish American War			
Platt Amendment			
Philippine-American War			
Panama Canal Built			
Roosevelt Corollary			
Dollar Diplomacy			

After completing the chart on the opposite side, determine whether America acted more like a World Leader or a World Bully during the age of Imperialism. In a short persuasive essay, explain your choice with evidence from history.

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