

CLASS NOTES

**Alaska and Hawaii**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES

What were the dates of the Civil War? \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Alaska**

18 \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ Alaska from Russia for \_\_\_\_\_ million or \_\_\_\_\_ cents an acre

It was called Seward's \_\_\_\_\_ because many people thought it was arctic wasteland.

1. What was another way to obtain territory?

2. List two resources Seward pictured for potential.

Treasures in Alaska

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



CLASS NOTES - Hawaii

- 18 \_\_\_\_\_ - First missionaries from the U.S. came to convert the Hawaiians to Christianity.
  - Opened \_\_\_\_\_
  - Raised \_\_\_\_\_
  - Became rich \_\_\_\_\_ planters
- By 18 \_\_\_\_\_ most shops and shipyards in Hawaii were owned by \_\_\_\_\_.

May 22, 18\_\_\_\_: The Cormorant, the first steam ship to come

by \_\_\_\_\_ to Hawaii

18\_\_\_\_ Queen Liliuokalani came to the throne in Hawaii when her

\_\_\_\_\_ died.

18\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ planters pressured the U.S. Government to annex Hawaii

annex means to take, \_\_\_\_\_, or add  
the process is called \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did Mahan push for?
2. What must the ships that sail have? (2 things)
3. Why did America need this (a powerful navy)?



How did the U.S. gain Alaska & Hawaii?

## Annexing Hawaii

Closer to California lay a larger, more fertile group of islands that Americans found even more attractive – Hawaii. Americans had first come to these islands in the 1820s as missionaries. Their goal was to convert the native Hawaiians to Christianity. The Hawaiian, whose ancestors had come from the South Pacific, had lived on these islands for more than a thousand years. They were ruled by their own kings and queens.



Liliuokalani

In 1835, a Boston merchant established a large sugar plantation in Hawaii. Before long, American-owned sugar and pineapple plantations dotted the islands. The planters brought laborers to Hawaii from China and Japan to work in their vast fields. Under pressure from the planters, the Hawaiians agreed in 1887 to let the United States establish a naval base at Pearl Harbor, on the island of Oahu. The planters also persuaded Congress to allow Hawaiian sugar to be imported into the United States without paying any tariff (import tax).



made up of influential planters

U. S. sugar growers objected that the law now favored Hawaiian sugar over domestically grown sugar. They convinced Congress to give a bonus to growers in the United States. Hawaiian planters wanted that bonus too. So the Hawaiian planters pressured the United States to annex Hawaii.

Meanwhile native Hawaiians increasingly resented being pushed around by Americans. When Queen Liliuokalani took the throne in 1891, people rallied around her call of “Hawaii for Hawaiians.” Americans in Hawaii feared that they would lose their land. With help from U.S. marines, planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to give up her throne and established a new government for the islands.

Despite the planters’ wishes, President Grover Cleveland refused to support the annexation of Hawaii. Cleveland, who opposed imperialism, said that Hawaii should be ruled by Hawaiians. But in 1898, under President McKinley, the United States did annex Hawaii.

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Why is Hawaii upset?