A Brief History of United States Foreign Policy

United States Growth

- Early on, the U.S. focused on its own growth
- Westward expansion pushed the border
- The U.S. acquired more land through agreements
- *New states would be added to the U.S.*

Keeping Others Safe

- As time passed, foreign policy focused on keeping others safe
- The U.S. was concerned with neighboring countries in the Western Hemisphere

Claiming Territory

• Near the end of the age of imperialism, the U.S. would claim land, too

War and Isolationism

- As the rest of the world entered into war, the U.S. tried to stay neutral
- Enemy actions would force the United States into war

The World's Policeman

- After World War II, the U.S. and Soviet Union were the two super powers
- Entered into a Cold War

Post-Cold War America

• After the fall of the Soviet Union, the U.S. stood alone as the power above all others