

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*