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**Chapter 8 – Section 1: The Pressure to Expand**

1. What is imperialism and where was it happening?

2. What were five reasons imperialism exploded in the late 1800s in Europe?

3. What were seven European countries that all got involved in imperialism?

4. How were European nations able to conquer lands that were halfway across the world?

5. What does it mean to “annex” a foreign land?

6. What are foreign affairs?

7. What had been the US stance on foreign affairs throughout the 1800s?

8. What was “Seward’s folly” that happened in 1867?

9. What were two moves the US made in the Pacific islands? Why?

10. What were the two opposing attitudes towards foreign affairs in America in the 1890s?

11. What is an expansionist policy?

12. What economic reason did the US have for expanding its markets (selling of its products)?

13. What were six American companies that already dominated international markets?

14. What were Banana Republics?

15. What were three of these banana republics?

16. Explain Alfred Mahan’s theory of a strong navy in his book T*he Influence of Sea Power Upon History.*

17. How had Congress dealt with the seemingly weak Navy and what was the status by 1900?

18. What did some leaders like Theodore Roosevelt believe was a good reason to seek an American empire?

19. How did the theory of social Darwinism justify the takeover of new territories?

20. Why did they believe this was a good thing?

21. What did Americans soon realize about this policy?