Chapter 20

Learning Targets

**Section 1: Eyes on the Pacific**

1. How did the United States acquire more territory and expand trade in the Asia-Pacific region?
2. Describe the two extremes of foreign policy (isolationism and imperialism/ police power). How do these terms apply to the U.S. during this time period?
3. What were the causes and effects of U.S. overseas expansion?

**Section 2: The Spanish-American War**

1. How did “yellow journalism” influence public opinion to support the war against Spain?
2. Why do you think the U.S. Navy was so important in the Spanish-American War?
3. What possessions did the United States gain from the Spanish-American War? How were these possessions treated? How was this treatment contradictory to the reasons for going to war?

**Section 3: The United States and Latin America**

1. What was the advantage in creating the Panama Canal for the United States?
2. How was Roosevelt able to create a canal despite opposition from the Colombian government?
3. Compare and contrast the following: Monroe Doctrine, Roosevelt Corollary/ “Big Stick” Diplomacy, Dollar Diplomacy (Taft), and Moral Diplomacy (Wilson).