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Module 23: America as a World Power Essays

Essential Question Writing Activity

PROMPT

Historical Context

In this module, you've learned about how the United States used its imperialist policies to gain territory and grow into a world power. Now it's your turn to demonstrate your understanding of the module content by writing an essay.

Task

Write a persuasive essay that answers this question:

Why did the United States turn to empire in the late 1800s?

1. Your essay should include key people, events, and turning points that set into motion the imperialist expansion of the United States.
2. Cite evidence to support your position.
3. Organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.

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Document-Based Investigation Writing Activity

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Historical Context

By the late 1800s the U.S. had significantly expanded its presence in the world. By using diplomacy it gained access to markets in East Asia, and by using force it gained valuable territories across the globe. A nation once limited by isolationist policies had now grown into a powerful empire.

Task

The United States expanded its influence and presence in the Pacific, the Caribbean, and Latin America. But what motivated the United States to get involved in each of these regions? How were the motives similar or different for each geographical area? Write a compare and contrast essay to answer these questions.

Complete the following steps as you plan and compose your essay.

1. Review your notes and sources before you start writing.
2. Use at least two of the sources in Part 1, and develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen text or visual evidence from the documents.
3. Cite specific text or visual evidence from each of the sources in your response.
4. Plan your essay so that it includes an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.
5. Organize your essay in a clear and logical way that highlights comparisons and contrasts.
6. Write a conclusion that sums up your ideas and supports the information you present.