

Imperialism Map Directions

Directions: Your job is to complete this graded assignment. Follow the step-by-step instructions to locate, label, and color the two accompanying maps. (Note which map should be used for each item.) If you do not know where a country or territory is, utilize Google to find where it is located.

1. Map 1 - Label the **Atlantic Ocean**, the **Pacific Ocean**, the **Caribbean Sea**, and the **Gulf of Mexico**
2. Map 2 - Alaska was the largest new territory acquired by the U.S. after the Civil War. It was purchased from Russia in 1867. (Alaska did not become a U.S. state until nearly one hundred years later.)
 - a. Locate, Label, & Color **Alaska** on your map.
 - b. Write the year **1867** under the word “Alaska” for the year it became a U.S. state
3. Map 2 - In 1867, the U.S. also occupied the Midway Islands. These islands got their name because they are approximately “midway” between North America and Asia. They were used as a fueling station for ships sailing between U.S. and Asian ports.
 - a. Locate, Circle, & Label the **Midway Islands**.
 - b. Write the year **1867** for the year the U.S. obtained it.
4. Map 2 - In 1878, the U.S. was granted the right to trade in the Samoan Islands and to establish a fueling station there. In 1899, the islands were divided between the U.S. and Germany.
 - a. Locate, Circle, & Label the **Samoan Islands**.
 - b. Write the years **1878 & 1899** for the years the U.S. obtained them.
5. Before the Spanish-American War, American expansion was limited to the huge Alaskan territory and a handful of small Pacific Islands. The Spanish-American War marked the real beginning of the nation’s rise to world power. By the terms of the Treaty of Paris, Spain turned over the Philippines, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Cuba.
 - a. Map 2 - Locate, Label, & Color the **Philippines**.
 - b. Write the year **1898** for the year the U.S. obtained it.
 - c. Map 2 - Locate, Circle, & Label **Guam**.
 - d. Write the year **1898** for the year the U.S. obtained it.
 - e. Map 1 - Locate, Label, & Color **Puerto Rico**.
 - f. Write the year **1898** for the year the U.S. obtained it.
 - g. Map 1 - Locate, Label, & Color **Cuba**.
 - h. Write the year **1898** for the year the U.S. obtained it
6. Map 2 - During the Spanish-American War, the U.S. also occupied Wake Island, an uninhabited island on the way to the Philippines. The U.S. formally claimed the island in 1899.
 - a. Locate, Circle, & Label **Wake Island**
 - b. Write the year **1899** for the year the U.S. claimed it.
7. Map 2 - American businesses in Hawaii had wanted the U.S. government to take over those islands for many years. The government finally did so by removing Queen Liliuokalani in 1898.
 - a. Locate, Circle, & Label the **Hawaiian Islands**.
 - b. Write the year **1898** under the words “Hawaiian Islands” for the year Hawaii became a U.S. state.

8. Map 1 - The next important American possession was a narrow strip of land in Panama. With the assistance of America, Panama won its independence from Columbia in 1903 and thanked the U.S. by letting them construct the Panama Canal there.
 - a. Locate, Label, & Color **Panama**
 - b. Locate, Label, & “Color” the **Panama Canal**. Also, write the year **1913** for the year the canal was completed.
 - c. Locate, Label, Color **Columbia**

9. Two more island territories were obtained by the U.S. in the early 1900s.
 - a. Map 2 - Locate, Circle, & Label **Palmyra Island** and write the year **1912** for the year the U.S. claimed it.
 - b. Map 1 - Locate, Circle, & Label the **U.S. Virgin Islands** (In the Gulf of Mexico) and write the year **1917** for the year the U.S. bought them from Denmark.

10. Map 2 - America also had some influence in China during the Age of Imperialism as a result of the Boxer Rebellion in 1900.
 - a. Locate, Label, and Color **China**

11. Map 2 - Finally, America forced Japan to open trade in the Age of Imperialism.
 - a. Locate, Label, and Color **Japan**