

Study Guide for Chapter 12, Lesson 1

Social Studies

"A New Role in the World"

America expanded its borders by

- buying Alaska (purchased for \$.02/acre; had valuable resources such as gold, lumber, oil, and fish). It became our 49th state.
- annexing (adding) Hawaii
- gaining control of Guam, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines after the Spanish-American War
 - Guam and Puerto Rico are still territories of the U.S.
 - Cuba and the Philippines were later given their independence

Hawaii (the 50th state)

- Was governed by Queen Liliuokalani
- She made decisions that hurt Americans who farmed there
- Americans revolted and took over the government
- Had resources like sugar cane and pineapple
- Was used as a rest area for weary sailors

Spanish-American War

- Cuba and the Philippines wanted independence from Spain
- President William McKinley (the 25th president) sent the battleship, *Maine*, to Havana, Cuba to protect Americans living there
- The *Maine* exploded and Congress declared war on Spain
- Teddy Roosevelt joined the army and led a group of men called the Rough Riders, which were made up mostly of cowhands and college athletes who fought mainly on foot
- Most soldiers in this war died of diseases.

armistice - an agreement to stop fighting

progressive - a person who worked to improve life for those who were not wealthy

conservation - the wise use and protection of natural resources

Theodore Roosevelt

- Made it possible for the Panama Canal to be built to connect the Atlantic and Pacific which would cut shipping costs and promote trade
- Worked for progressive reforms and conservation
- Formed 5 new national parks

W.E.B DuBois- an African-American teacher and writer who helped form the NAACP

The Square Deal - a government program that set new laws for businesses to follow

Why was it difficult to build the Panama Canal?

- had to cut through thick rainforests
- had to drain wetlands
- malaria and yellow fever (caused by mosquitoes) caused illness and death
- were many accidents
- there were many dangerous animals
- mudslides took place
- their machines were not as good as the ones today

Facts about the building of the Panama Canal:

- took 10 years to build
- 6000 workers died building the railroad in the canal (mostly Chinese and Irish in 1850)
- during the French era (which failed) 22,000 workers died
- during the U.S. era, 4,500 African-Americans died, and 350 white workers died
- \$287 million was spent by the French and \$400 million more by the Americans
- it takes a ship 9 hours to travel from one end to the other
- about 37 ships pass through every day
- only 17% of U.S. ships can use the canal today due to size