

Time Period: American Imperialism

Topic Sentence: American Imperialism was necessary to help better our economy + to ensure our security

Source 1: "From the historical Record" - Railway World

Quote/Evidence: "One way of opening a market is to Conquer it... Already our enterprising merchants are beginning to take possession of the markets which our army + navy have opened them."

Source 2: "From the historical record" - Senator Albert Beveridge, Indiana

Quote/Evidence: "god has marked us as his Chosen people, henceforth to lead in the regeneration of the world. - When did Americans ever measure duty by financial standards?"

Source 3: "From the historical Record" - Senator Knute Nelson, Minnesota

Quote/Evidence: "They are as unfit for self government as most people on the face of the Earth. We are there for 2 purposes: to give the people of those islands a just, good, fair, + free system of government in some form, and to keep them out of the hands of great powers."

Source 4: "From the historical Record" - Senator Orville, Connecticut

Quote/Evidence: "I believe the hand of providence brought about the conditions which we must either accept or be recreant [cowardly] to duty."

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Topic Sentence: The U.S. should not have gone overseas due to the fact that the actions taken to expand were motivated by morals contradicting those of which the U.S. claims to follow.

Source 1: Platform of the American Anti-Imperialist League

Quote/Evidence:

"no man is good enough to govern another man without the other's consent, when the white man governs himself, that is self-government, but when he governs himself and also governs another man, that is more than self-government—that is despotism." (Abraham Lincoln).

Source 2: *Reluctant Colossus: America Enters the Age of Imperialism*. Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, 2007.

Quote/Evidence:

"we have turned against the weak and friendless who trusted us; we have stamped out a just and intelligent and well-order republic... We have debauched America's honor and blackened her face before the world" (Mark Twain).

Source 3: senator Albert Beveridge's speech on the Philippines December 13, 1901

Quote/Evidence:

"we are not dealing with Americans or Europeans. We are dealing with Orientals... They are not capable of self-government" (Beveridge).

Source 4: Cecil Rhodes, British businessman 1877

Quote/Evidence:

"It is our duty to seize every opportunity of acquiring more territory... more territory simply means more of the Anglo-Saxon [British] race, more of the best, the most human, most honourable race the world possesses" (Rhodes).

Time Period: WWI

Topic Sentence: World War I was necessary

Source 1: Woodrow Wilson Speech #2

Quote/Evidence: "ships of every kind, whatever flag... have been ruthlessly sent to the bottom of the ocean without warning," (Wilson).

Source 2: Howard Zinn

Quote/Evidence: "The U.S. claimed the Lusitania carried an innocent cargo, and therefore the torpedoing was a monstrous German atrocity," (Zinn).

Source 3: Howard Zinn

Quote/Evidence: "...bankers could now begin lending money in such great amounts as to both make great profit and tie American finance closely to the interest of a British victory," (Zinn).

Source 4: McDougall Littel the Americans

Quote/Evidence: "The Germans attacked civilians, destroying villages, cathedrals, libraries, and even hospitals," (U.S. entry).

Time Period: World War I

Topic Sentence: The United States should've listened to George Washington and stayed out of World War I

Source 1: Zinn, Howard. A People's History of the United States

Quote/Evidence: "Ten million were to die on the battlefield; 20 million were to die of hunger and disease related to the war. And no one since that day has been able to show that the war brought any gain for humanity that would be worth one human life."

Source 2: Americans question neutrality

Quote/Evidence: "Socialists criticized the war as a capitalist and imperialist struggle between Germany and England to control markets and colonies in China, Africa, and the Middle East."

Source 3: The Legacy of the War

Quote/Evidence: "Americans began to call World War I 'the war to end all wars,' ... However, unresolved issues in Europe would eventually drag America into an even wider war."

Source 4: Howard Zinn

Quote/Evidence: "... bankers could now begin lending money in such great amounts as to both make great profit and tie American finance closely to the interest of a British victory in the war against Germany."

Time Period: World War II

Topic Sentence: World War II was necessary because the US was brutally attacked by Japan and needed to defend themselves.

Source 1: Winston Churchill, June 1940

Quote/Evidence:

"But if we fail, then the whole world, including all that we have known are cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age..."

Source 2: Roosevelt, fireside chat

Quote/Evidence:

"When peace has been broken anywhere, the peace of all countries everywhere is in danger."

Source 3: Roosevelt, letter to Kansas

Quote/Evidence:

"What worries me especially is that public opinion over here is patting itself on the back every morning and thanking God for the Atlantic Ocean (and the Pacific Ocean)... Things move with such terrific speed, these days, that it really is essential to us to think in broader terms and, in effect, to warn the American people that they, too, should think of possible ultimate results in Europe and the Far East."

Source 4: Roosevelt, (Feb. 22, 1942)

Quote/Evidence:

"Now, many of those same people, afraid that we may be sticking our necks out, want our national bird to be turned into a turtle. But we prefer to retain the eagle as it is - flying high and striking hard."



Time Period: World War II

Topic Sentence: The US should have stayed isolated during World War II.

Source 1: Excerpts from the testimony of Prof. Charles Beard before Congress, debating the Lend-Lease Bill, 1941

Quote/Evidence:

"Europe and Asia have been torn by wars, waged under various symbols and slogans, since the dawn of recorded history. The history of Europe and Asia is long and violent."

"Can the American people, great and ingenious though they be, transform these traditions, institutions, systems, emotions, and habits by employing treasure, arms, propaganda, and diplomatic lectures?"

Source 2: George Fielding Eliot, *The Ramparts We Watch*, 1938

Quote/Evidence:

"Providence in its infinite mercy and wisdom has been very good to this nation. We have been given a geographical position far removed from dangerous neighbors. The genius of man has not yet created instruments of aggressive warfare which can span the oceans which protect us on either hand, save as those instruments may move upon the surface of these oceans."

Source 3: Roosevelt, late 1935

Quote/Evidence:

"Despite what happens in continents overseas, the United States of America shall and must remain, as long ago the Father of our Country prayed that it might remain ——— unentangled and free."

Source 4:

Quote/Evidence:

