

American Empire

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MANIFEST DESTINY

- Idea that United States should expand from Atlantic to Pacific
- Louisiana Purchase (1803-1804)
- Mexican-American War (1846-1848)
- Gadsden Purchase (1853-1854)

“INTERNAL” TERRITORIAL EXPANSION

- **Alaska**

- “Seward’s Folly”
- Bought from Russia, 1867
- Became 49th state, 1958

- **Hawaii**

- Annexed, 1898
- Became 50th state, 1959

- **Puerto Rico**

- Acquired following Spanish-American War, 1898
- Puerto Ricans are American citizens

“EXTERNAL” TERRITORIAL EXPANSION

- **Philippines**

- Acquired following Spanish-American War, 1898
- Independent, 1946

- **Samoa, Virgin Islands, Wake, Guam**

- Acquired by annexation or treaty
- Military bases
- Administered by U.S. Department of the Interior

- **Caroline, Mariana, and Marshall Islands**

- United Nations trusteeships, 1947
- Military bases
- Administered by U.S. Department of the Navy

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- What term describes the philosophy behind United States westward expansion?
- How and when was Alaska acquired by the United States?
- How and when was Hawai'i acquired by the United States?
- Describe Puerto Rico's affiliation with the United States.
- Describe United States governance of its Pacific territories.