

American involvement in the world

Identifying critical content

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Directions:

1. Read the facts below which list events about historical American involvement in the world (which we will be studying in our upcoming unit). Circle whether you believe each piece of information is critical (very important to understand about our upcoming unit versus information which might be interesting and nice to know but **NOT** essential content.

2. Next to each piece of critical content, please explain in 1 clear sentence why it is essential to understand and be aware of.

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- A. The United States helped the Philippines to gain their independence from Spain in 1898

Critical or NOT? Why?

- B. Many nations wanted to trade with China in the late 19th century and the U.S. was one of those nations.

Critical or NOT? Why?

- C. The way the United States gained possession of Hawaii was very controversial.

Critical or NOT? Why?

- D. The United States decided to build a canal (human built waterway) through part of the country of Panama.

Critical or NOT? Why?

- E. The Spanish American War began in February 1898 and lasted for 4 months.

Critical or NOT? Why?

F. The United States is involved today with other nations in the world in the following ways: economically, militarily, and politically

Critical or NOT? Why?

Reflection question: How did you go about determining which information is critical versus non-critical since we have not studied American involvement in the world yet? (3 sentences)