



Expansionism and imperialism

- I. Background information

- A. **Alaska** was purchased by the U.S. from **Russia** in 1867 for 7 million dollars.

- B. Because of Alaska's rich **natural resources**, its purchase turned out to be very profitable to the U.S.

- 1. People known as **expansionists** began to push for the United States to expand their territory around the globe.

- 2. They saw the potential rich benefits to be gained.

* **Note interaction:** In the left margin, write down or draw pictures of natural resources that Alaska might have which would be valuable.



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- II. Imperialism

- A. **Imperialism** is the practice of a country seeking to extend its **power** or **influence** over other governments.



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- B. Major types of imperialism

1. **Economic**- seeking to gain control of a country's natural resources or its workers for one's own financial gain.

- a. This would help set up the country as a **colony** of the mother country.

- b. **Goods** could then also be **sold** to the people in the colony so the mother country could earn more money.



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- 2. **Political**- seeking to exercise power and control over the government of another country. This could be done using a strong **military**.
- 3. **Cultural**- seeing the other culture as “backward”, “uncivilized,” and seeking to force one’s own culture or religion there.
- **Note interaction:** Draw a picture of each type of imperialism occurring. Label each and **draw a circle** around which type you believe would be the most dominant.



Summary

- Create a 2-3 sentence summary of the notes at the bottom of your paper.