



CHAPTER 18: IMPERIALISM & AMERICA AS
A WORLD POWER
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IMPERIALISM AND THE UNITED STATES

- ✘ Imperialism: The policy in which stronger nations extend their economic, political, or military control over weaker territories – was already a trend around the world.
- ✘ The belief in Manifest Destiny led to the expansion overseas, driven by desire for military strength, new markets, belief in cultural superiority.



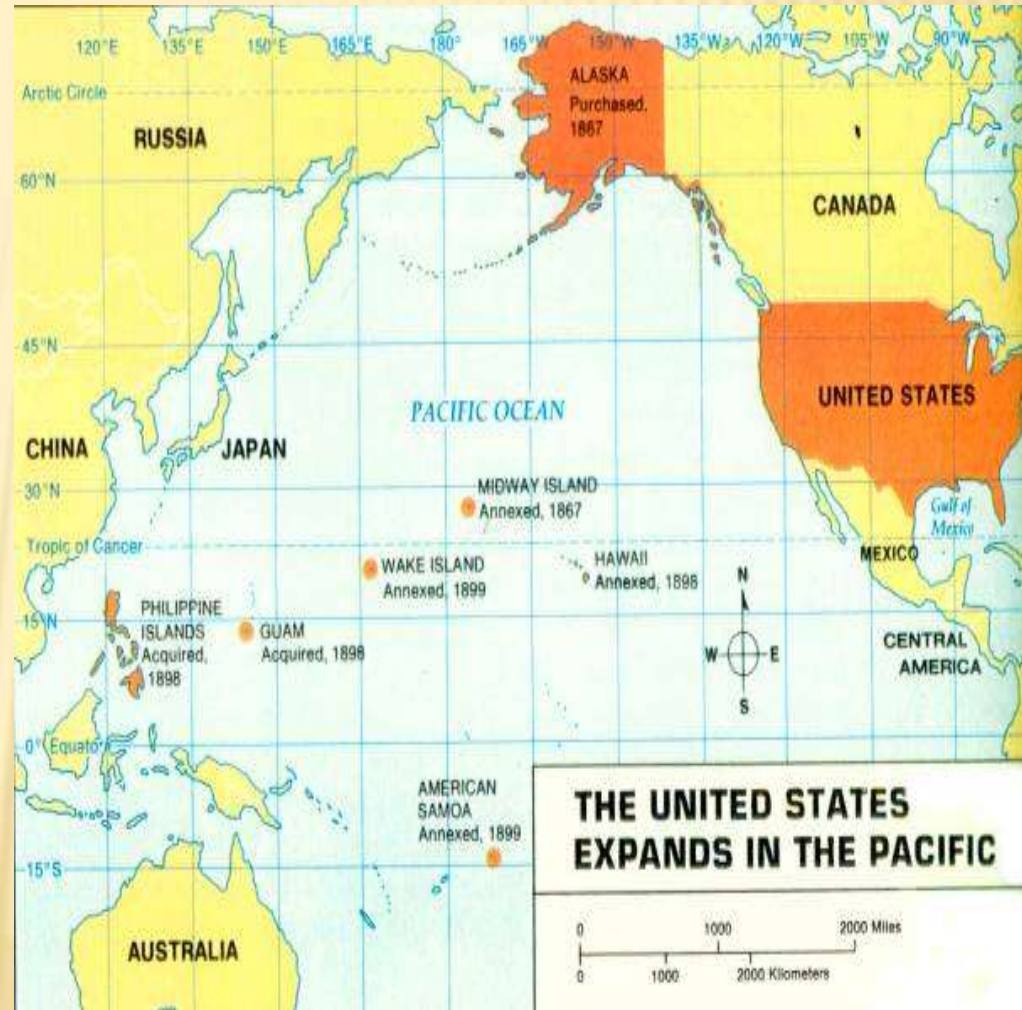
FACTORS THAT FUELED IMPERIALISM



- ✘ Admiral Alfred T. Mahan pushed for Military expansion, building of ships like USS Maine and Oregon.
- ✘ America needed raw materials for its new markets – foreign trade.
- ✘ The philosophy of social Darwinism in relation to free-market competition, certain nations and races were superior to others, therefore destined to rule inferior people. Fittest survive.

ALASKA AND HAWAII

- ✘ William Seward encouraged purchase of Alaska for \$7.2 million – “Seward’s folly.” 1,000 miles – timber, oil, and natural resources.
- ✘ Hawaii was important to U.S. – sugar plantations, stop to refuel when going to China. Pearl Harbor in 1887. It was taken over and annexed by President McKinley throwing out Queen Liliuokalani in 1898.



UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA

- ✘ U.S. aggressive role in imperializing Latin America.
- ✘ Saw Latin America as a region to extend power and resources.
- ✘ Roosevelt enforced “Big Stick” Diplomacy – strong military to achieve America’s goals. Uplift weaker nations, bring an international business to the U.S.



PANAMA CANAL

- ✘ 1903 – U.S. government bought the Panama route for \$40 million.
- ✘ Before it could be built it needed consent from the Columbian government.
- ✘ Columbia wanted more money than was offered. U.S. Navy to allied with Panamanians against Columbia, Panama gains control. Paid Columbia \$25 million.
- ✘ America paid Panama \$10 million for the “Canal Zone” and \$250,000 in annual rent.
- ✘ Purpose- 48 mile water way, vessel sailing from New York to California could bypass journey around South America saving 8,000 miles.
- ✘ US transferred control back to Panama in 1999.

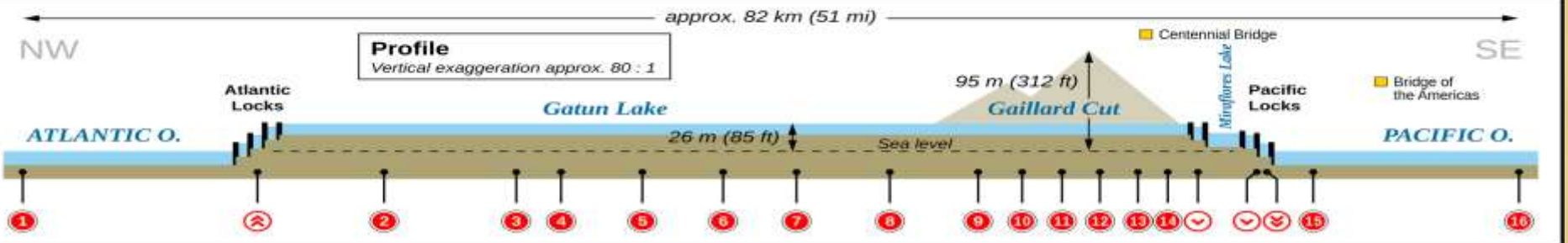
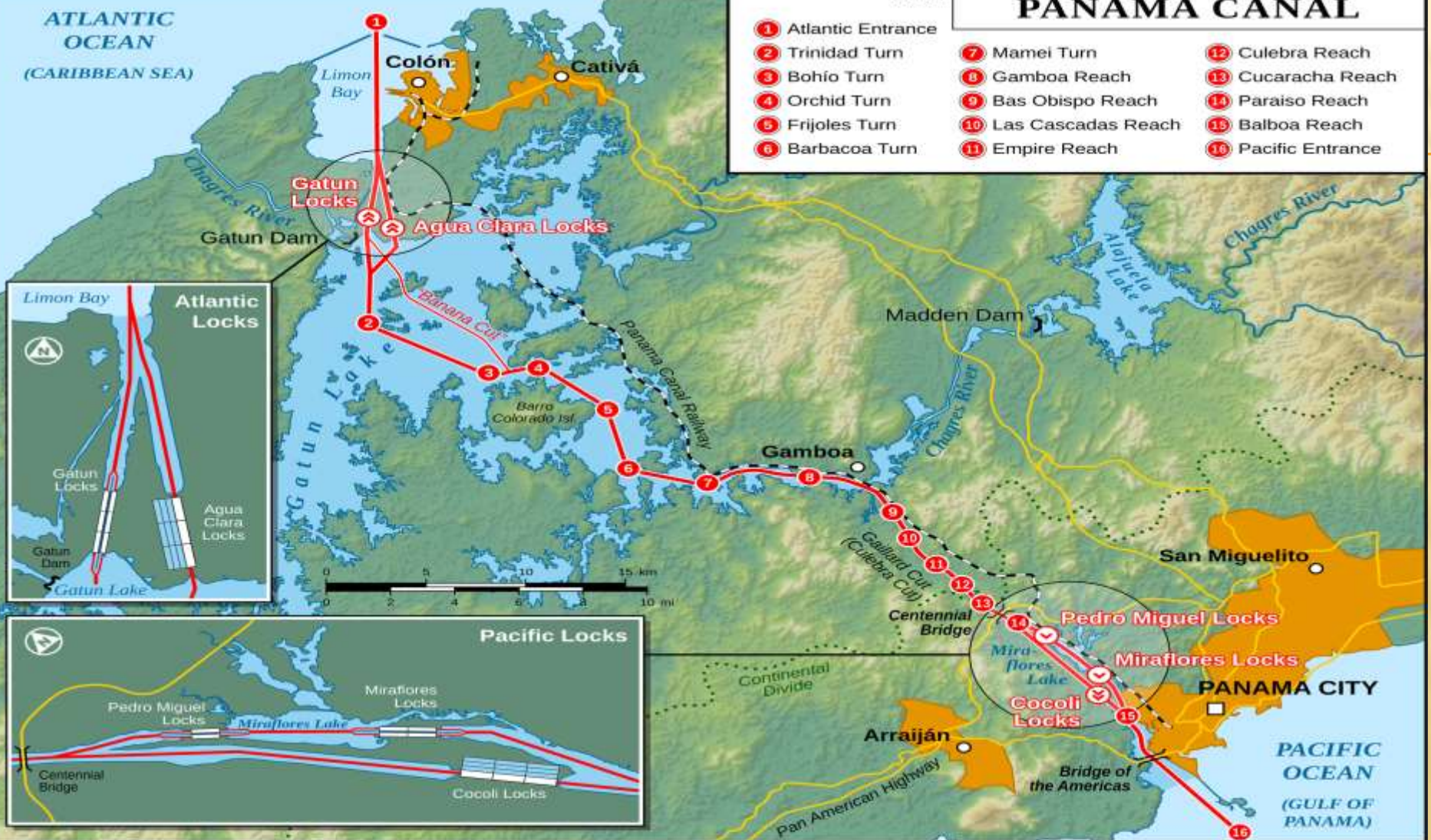




PANAMA CANAL

ATLANTIC OCEAN
(CARIBBEAN SEA)

- ① Atlantic Entrance
- ② Trinidad Turn
- ③ Bohío Turn
- ④ Orchid Turn
- ⑤ Frijoles Turn
- ⑥ Barbacoa Turn
- ⑦ Mamei Turn
- ⑧ Gamboa Reach
- ⑨ Bas Obispo Reach
- ⑩ Las Cascadas Reach
- ⑪ Empire Reach
- ⑫ Culebra Reach
- ⑬ Cucaracha Reach
- ⑭ Paraiso Reach
- ⑮ Balboa Reach
- ⑯ Pacific Entrance



FACTS

- ✘ 639 million dollars to build
- ✘ Around 25,000 people died constructing it
- ✘ Opened in 1914 took 11 years of construction
- ✘ Around 13,000-14,000 ships use the canal yearly
- ✘ Large ship tolls could be up to 45,000 dollars
- ✘ Today annual tolls collected are around 1.8 billion dollars
- ✘ Takes ships 8-10 hours to pass through the canal. 50 mile canal.



MEXICAN REVOLUTION 1911-1917



- ✘ Mexican dictator Porfirio Diaz build ups foreign investments. US business people wanted part of the market.
- ✘ Mexico's large population of famers struggled in poverty.
- ✘ Diaz was in control of Mexico he was overthrown by Francisco Madero who was overthrown by Victor Huerta
- ✘ Mexico government overthrown – Wilson refused to recognize Huerta's government- "government of butchers".
- ✘ Wilson proposed "watchful waiting," patiently waiting for chance to overthrow Mexican government – luckily war was avoided and Carranza a nationalist leader took over.

“PANCHO” VILLA & ZAPATA



- ✘ Villa and Zapata wreaked havoc on Americans who supported Carranza invading U.S. and killing Americans.
- ✘ Wilson ordered General John J. Pershing and 15,000 soldiers to capture Villa – U.S. barely escaped war with Mexico now had to focus on war in Europe.

PANAMA CANAL VIDEO

- ✘ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsF7o4IJF10>

POLITICAL CARTOONS!





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