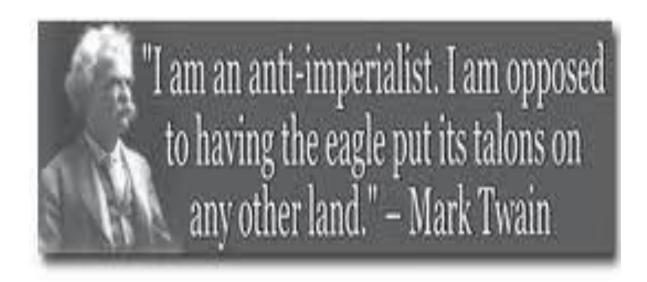
Chapter 8 – Section 4

Debating America's New Role

Anti-Imperialists

People opposed to the U.S. becoming an imperialist nation.



Arguments Against

- Goes against our nation's belief in "liberty for all".
- Enough difficulty at home already. (shouldn't take on more responsibilities)
- If our government sends troops to other countries to control how they act, how do we know they won't use military force to crush dissent at home?

Role of Racism

- A belief that differences in character or intelligence are due to one's race.
- Nations being conquered were all non-white (black Africa and Asians)



Fear

 Some anti-imperialists feared that it would encourage people of different racial backgrounds to move to the U.S.



Economic Arguments

- Costs too much for tax payers to pay for armed forces all over the world.
- Workers from annexed territories would come to America and compete with American workers for jobs (and work for less).



Arguments for Imperialism

- A new frontier for the American imagination.
- To gain foreign markets to sell our stuff.
- Strategic and security reasons.



Great White Fleet

 Part of the U.S. Navy sent on a cruise around the world (1907) to demonstrate the might of the American Navy.



Corrupt Leaders

 We often supported many corrupt (and sometimes cruel) rulers in Latin America because they supported American interests in exchange for our keeping them in power.



Mixed Feelings

 Many countries resented America's interference around the world, but some welcomed it and even turned to the U.S. for

help.

ESSAY:

- Should America be more or less involved around the world? Under what circumstances, if any, should we get involved?
- (Need to give at least 2 reasons for your answer and each question should be a separate paragraph)

Review

 Complete Review Questions on p.282 in your Textbook

- Key Terms # 1-10
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