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# United States' Foreign Policy



# Revolutionary Period

- Colonial period-none, we were part of the British Empire.
- During the War we were looking for Allies to fight with and support us.
  - The diplomats-Franklin, Adams and Jefferson
  - France- 1778 Franco-American Treaty
  - Spain- Ally of France, also supported our fledgling country.
  - What is owed to our allies after the war?
- Treaty of Paris in 1783



# Federal Period- Isolationism

## Washington thru Jefferson

- Napoleonic Wars- both sides wanted our support
  - Washington's 1793 Neutrality Proc
  - Washington's 1796 Farewell Address
- Jay Treaty- England
- Pinckney Treaty- Spain
- XYZ Affair- France
  - Quasi War
- Further attempts will also be unsuccessful and we will eventually fight the War of 1812.

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# Monroe Doctrine

- In Response to newly independent Latin America.
- Neutrality with Europe, intervention in the Americas.
- Lasting legacy on American Policy



# Pre- Civil War Expansion & Isolationism

- Unless negotiating for additional territories (Manifest Destiny) the U.S. will stay out of foreign affairs.
  - Adams-Onis Treaty
  - Texas
  - Oregon
  - Ostend Manifesto
  - Mexican American War
  - Gadsen Purchase



# Civil War Isolationism

- Southern overtures towards England
  - Trent Affair 1861
  - Blockade runners vs. battle ships
- The Emancipation Proclamation and the Battle of Antietam will decide the British against supporting the Confederacy.



# Gilded Era

## Asia- Open Door

- Admiral Matthew Perry and Japan, 1853
- Annexation of Hawai'i, 1898
- John Hay and China, 1899-1900
  - Boxer Rebellion

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# Spanish American War Intervention

- Intervene to help oppressed peoples (Cuba)
- Disastrous long term consequences
  - Cuba Freed
  - Gained Guam and Puerto Rico
  - Philippine Insurrection



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# Progressive Foreign Policy

- Teddy Roosevelt- Big Stick/Roosevelt Corollary
  - Panama Canal
- Taft- Dollar Diplomacy
- Wilson- Moral Diplomacy
  - Mexican Revolution
  - WW1
  - 14 Points/League of Nations
  - Rejection of Treaty of Versailles
- FDR- Good Neighbor Policy

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# WW2

- Neutrality Acts of 1935, 1936, 1937
  - No involvement
- Appeasement of Japan
- Neutrality Act of 1939
  - Cash and Carry
- Destroyer Deal, 1940
- Lend Lease Act, 1941
- America First Committee

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# Cold War Containment

- George Kennan's Containment
  - Truman Doctrine
  - Marshall Plan
  - NATO
- Kennedy's Flexible Response
  - Cuba, Vietnam, small troop incursions
  - Johnson and escalation
- Nixon's Détente
  - Vietnamization
  - Beijing and Moscow
- Reagan Doctrine
  - Rollback Communism and Arms Race

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# Today

## World's Police Officer

- The official foreign policy of the U.S. today is:

**“To create a more secure, democratic, and prosperous world for the benefit of the American people and the international community.”**