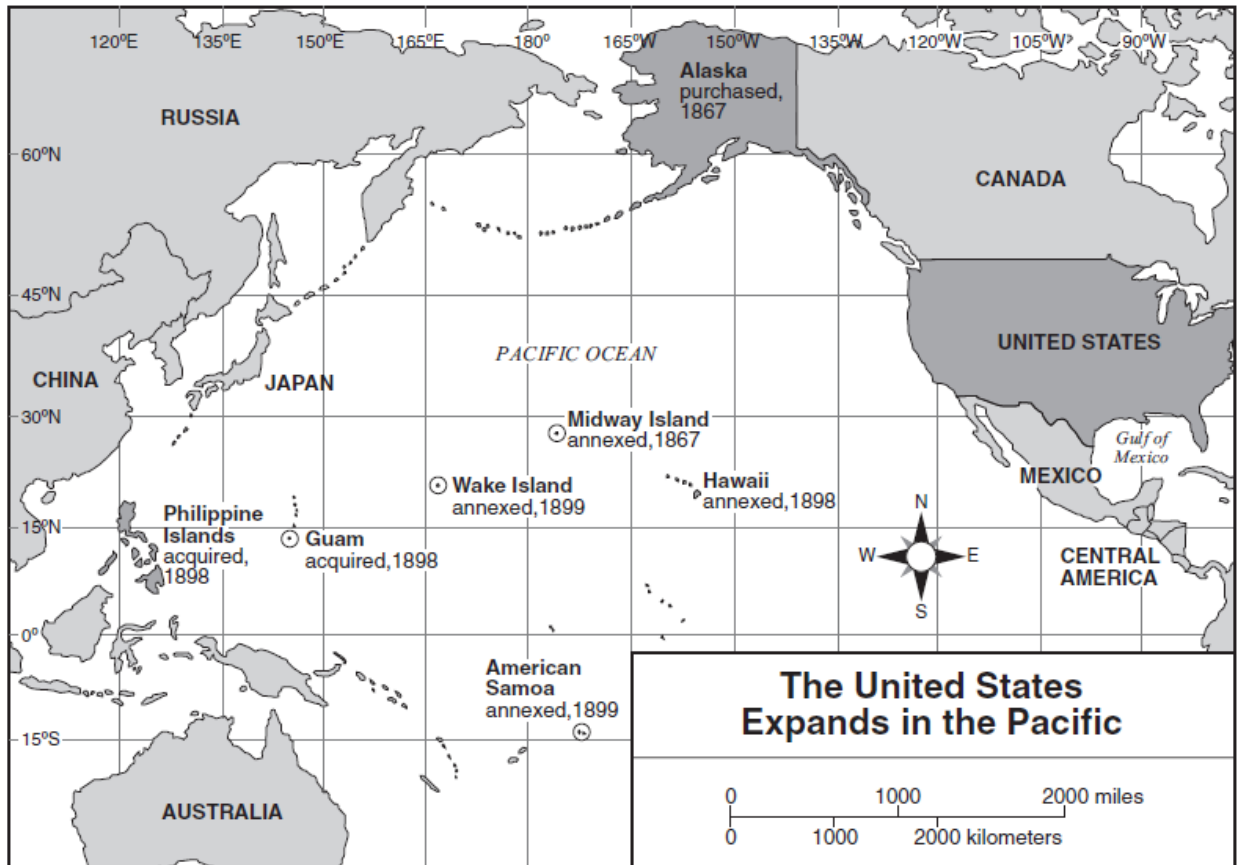


# Warm-Up: Expansion and Imperialism



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From 1865 to 1900, the United States experienced tremendous growth and expansion. The number of miles of railroad tracks increased more than 600 percent, connecting the West to the factories in the Midwest and East. During most of those years, the United States was focusing on its westward expansion, but it began to gain territory outside the United States. The US adopted a policy of *imperialism*, a program of extending a country's power and influence through territorial expansion. Then, in 1898–1900, the US was involved in a brief but significant war with Spain, gaining island territories that stretched nearly halfway around the world —announcing to the entire world that the United States was now a major world power.

1. According to the map, where did the US expand from 1865-1900?
2. What is imperialism? Using the map, identify *two* examples of imperialism.
3. What was the result of America's war with Spain from 1898?
4. When do you think it is ok for the US to become involved in the affairs of another nation?