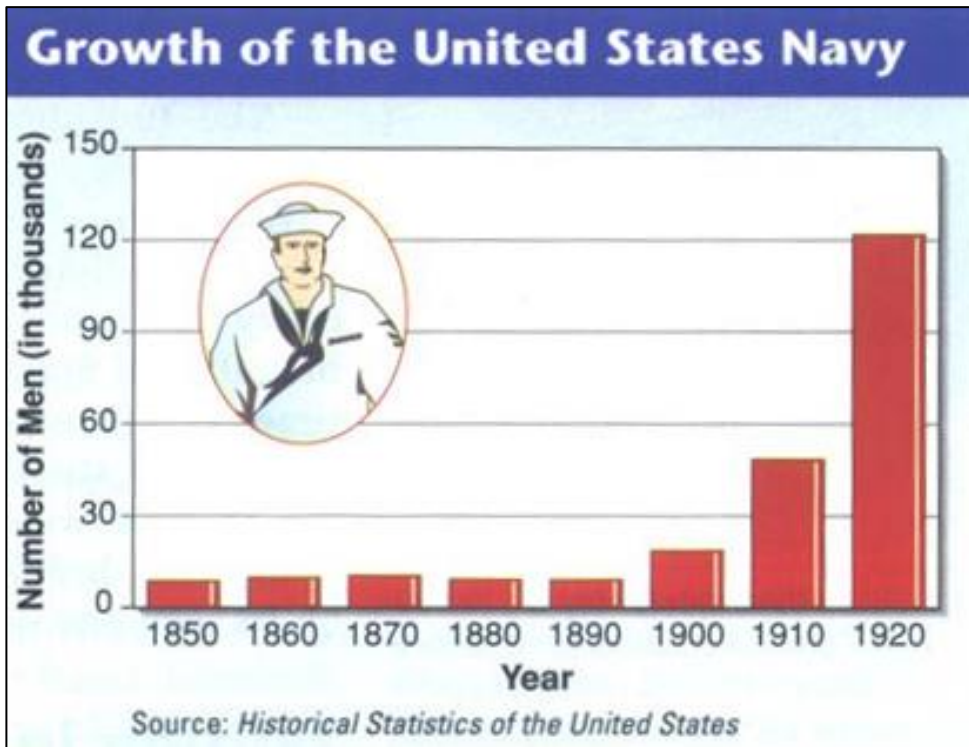


Warm-Up: Growth of US Navy



In the late 1800's United States Naval Captain Alfred Mahan published a book titled *The Influence of Sea Power on History*. In the book Mahan argued that the prosperity of the United States depended on foreign trade and that a large navy

was necessary to protect defenseless merchant ships as they traveled across the globe. Expanding the navy meant not only that more ships were to be built, but land for navy bases must be acquired as well. By the early part of the 20th century, a powerful steam powered navy nicknamed the Great White Fleet was ready for action.

1. Using the graph, in what year does the expansion of the navy begin?
2. What was the naval increase between 1890 and 1920?
3. Why does Mahan feel that we need a large navy?
4. What two things are needed for this naval expansion?
5. Why isn't there as much of a need for overseas navy bases today as compared to the early 1900's?