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Video Watching Guide: American Imperialism | Crash Course US History #28

Overview:

In this episode of Crash Course US History, John Green explores the era of **American Imperialism**, particularly during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This period saw the United States expanding its influence and control beyond its borders, shifting from a nation focused on domestic issues to one with significant global ambitions. The video covers key events, figures, and ideas that shaped this imperialist period.

Terms to define:

- Imperialism:
- Monroe Doctrine (1823)
- U.S.S. Maine
- Spanish-American War (1898)
- Yellow Journalism
- Theodore Roosevelt (in terms of this video)
- The Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Guam
- Platt Amendment (1901)
- The White Man's Burden
- Anti-Imperialism

Focus Questions For Video:

- 1. What were the economic and political motivations behind American imperialism?**

- 2. How did the Spanish-American War change the United States' role on the global stage?**

- 3. What were some of the arguments for and against imperialism within the United States?**

- 4. How did figures like Theodore Roosevelt influence the direction of American foreign policy during this time?**

- 5. What were the effects of US imperialism on the territories and people it controlled?**

Critical Thinking Question (Answer on the back using SAQ format)

Was American imperialism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries a natural extension of the nation's growth, or did it represent a departure from its founding principles of liberty and self-determination?