

## The United States Becomes a World Power

- ◆ The United States joined the race for colonies late
  - ◆ Within the U.S. – a **debate**:
    - ◆ How could we own colonies when we had to fight to win our own independence?
      - ◆ Versus the opposing question...
    - ◆ Won't we fall behind Europe if we don't compete for colonies?
      - ◆ Americans were divided on what to do
  - ◆ **Monroe Doctrine (1823)**
    - ◆ U.S. felt a duty to protect the countries of Latin America that had just won their independence from Spain
    - ◆ The Monroe Doctrine asserted that we would not allow European nations to establish any new colonies in the Americas
      - ◆ Europeans claimed that the U.S. was actually setting up a sphere of influence in L. Am.
    - ◆ American attitudes began to change as we watched Europe dividing up the world
      - ◆ We began to fear falling behind
  - ◆ The U.S. becomes an imperialist power
    - ◆ **Hawaii**
      - ◆ Islands discovered by English Captain James Cook (1778)
        - ◆ A paradise
      - ◆ U.S. began to send **merchants and missionaries**
        - ◆ By 1890's, U.S. citizens controlled the big **pineapple** and **sugar** industries on the islands
          - ◆ The govt. of the **Kingdom of Hawaii** feared U.S. power
    - ◆ Hawaii was strategically located
      - ◆ In the central Pacific Ocean
        - ◆ An excellent location for **coaling stations**
      - ◆ Also had the best harbor in the Pacific
        - ◆ **Pearl Harbor**



- ◆ 1890 – a new Queen, **Lilioukalani**, took the throne
  - ◆ Wanted to drive the haoles out of Hawaii
    - ◆ **Haole = non-Hawaiian**
  - ◆ Lilioukalani started a campaign – **“Hawaii for Hawaiians”**
    - ◆ American businessmen scared by anti-haole campaign
      - ◆ Led a movement to overthrow the queen
        - ◆ 1898 – Lilioukalani overthrown
        - ◆ U.S. annexed Hawaii
        - ◆ Annex = take over
        - ◆ 1959 – Hawaii becomes 50<sup>th</sup> U.S. state

