



EXPANDING HORIZONS

DEFINITIONS:

Isolationism: _____

Expansionism: _____

Imperialism: _____

1. How was George Washington's Farewell Address message interpreted differently by different people?

2. In what year did the US government announce that the frontier was closed? How did that announcement affect the way Americans thought?

3. Why did Japan begin to trade with the US in 1854?

4. What are the reasons why European powers were becoming imperialistic in the early 1900s?

5. What was Secretary of State William H. Seward's view of the future of America?

6. What did many American people think about the 1867 purchase of Alaska from Russia? Why?

7. How did religion influence people's desire for the US to be an imperialistic power?

8. How did the establishment of a larger US Navy lead to a greater need for overseas colonies?

9&10. Do you think the United States would be better off or worse off today if it had not followed an expansionist policy in the late 1800s and early 1900s? Why?