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- I. Hemispheric Hegemony
 - A. Hegemony is unification or togetherness
 - B. US wants to control the Western Hemisphere
 - C. Purpose of Alaska - 1867, purchased from Russia
 1. known as "Seward Folly" because we paid \$7.2 million for "a chunk of ice"
 2. Happening at the same time, the US was going through (just finished the Civil war in 1865) reconstruction.
 - a) Was seen as a bad investment, because the south needs money to get the 6 million unemployed people employed, or boost the southern economy
 - b) He purchased it because he thought that this deal was too good to be passed up because he thought it would be a good way to control the western hemisphere (hemispheric hegemony)
 3. Why in the 1860s does William T. Seward think that it's possible to control the Western Hemisphere
 - a) Western hemisphere Latin American Revolution
 - b) They are creating new countries that are creating Republics.
 - c) The US should and could look out for them and look out for them
 - d) We feel that we're the best, the Latin American countries can learn from us and become one of us
 - D. Pan-American Union
 1. Organization of American Nations
 - a) Created to provide information of the other countries and to offer cooperation and support amongst the American Nations
 2. It fails miserably
 - a) Great concept, but fails because
 - b) The US is seen as an Imperial power, and the US tries to dictate custom rates
 3. The US acted in their own best interest, giving the other countries not as much money as the US was getting the their customs
 4. The US thought that they should get more out of it because they put more money and work into it
 - E. Venezuelan Dispute - 1895
 1. Dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain (British Guiana)
 2. Dispute over the boarder
 3. US tells GB (Great Britain) to enter Arbitration, by trying to be an unbiased third party, and GB refuses
 4. US claims that GB is violating the *Monroe Doctrine*
 - a) No further European influence into the Western Hemisphere - 1823
 - i. 1815 beat GB, nationalism is running high, 1820's - Missouri compromise, moving us west, Prez. Monroe is extremely popular, new industrial revolution, US is moving forward
 - b) The US is trying to exert it's superiority, and BG enters arbitration
 - i. British gain more land
 - c) Why was all of that time wasted?
 - i. America wanted to exert it's superiority, and they wanted to appease GB to get better deals economically. We don't want to risk losing their trade with them.
 - F. Hawaii
 1. Pearl Harbor is a large deep water harbor with a narrow shallow outlet
 2. Why Annex Hawaii

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- a) Resources, more resources - Sugar, Pineapple
 - b) Naval Base & protect trade routes
 - c) Refueling point for Asian trade
 - i. Makes it more cost efficient to trade with Asia, because only require ½ the amount of coal to get to Asia, giving more room to store trade items
3. King Kamehameho I - 1810
- a) Welcomes American Merchants
 - i. Like when Europe came to Northern America
 - b) King K soon after allowed more American *settlement, investment, & missionaries*
 - i. Investments turn into Sugar plantations becoming controlled by Americans
 - ii. Dole Family were Methodist Missionaries
 - Had a son and named him Sanford B. Dole
 - He doesn't want to be a missionary, he wants to get into business, and wants to become a Sugar plantation owner, and he gains one of the largest sugar plantations in Hawaii, and becomes President of the American Sugar Growers Association.
4. King Kamehameho III - 1887
- a) Forced into creating a constitutional monarchy
 - b) Thus, American Sugar growers are actually controlling the legislature
 - c) Land = \$ = Power
 - d) US Sugar growers increase in \$
 - e) Change comes
5. Queen Liliokholoni
- a) Wants to return Hawaii to the Hawaiians
 - b) "Nationalist"
 - c) Why don't the Hawaiians have more power in the government and economics?
 - d) American Sugar Growers and Dole turn to USA to ask for protection
 - i. They fear that the Queen and the natives will riot and replace the ASGA
 - e) US military invades and captures the Queen
 - (1) This could be compared to something that happened no less than 30 years ago, when we took the Panama President into custody because of the war on drugs. They thought that he was helping Drugs into the US.
6. Republic of Hawaii
- a) President Sanford B. Dole is put up as the president of Hawaii now that the US is in charge of it
 - b) What will he do to appease the Hawaiians who aren't happy with the military take over?
 - i. He put the Queen back on her throne, and had her swear support the president for a life of luxury and freedom, but would really be a figurehead
 - ii. She then preached that the Hawaiians should work with the US
 - c) Sanford Dole is a businessman, so he asks the US to annex them
 - i. This is similar to Texas and California
 - d) Does the US want Hawaii?
 - i. President Benjamin Harrison is a *Republican* in the guided age
 - ii. pro-annex, because republicans in the guided age represent
 - (a) big business
 - (b) Imperialism
 - (c) Economy
 - iii. But he is replaced by *Democrat* Grover Cleveland

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- (a) He opposes annexation because he said it was
 - i) too costly
 - ii) and immoral
 - (b) Annexation only when the Hawaiians want to
 - iv. William McKinley wins the election of 1896, and with that (as a *republican*) he annexes Hawaii in 1897
 - e) Hawaii becomes a state in 1959 because of the Cold War
7. We became the continental US in 1907 (48 states)