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SS 11: Suez and Panama Canal Notes

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| **Questions & Thoughts:** | **What is a canal?*** an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ waterway constructed to allow the passage of boats or ships inland or to convey water for irrigation.

Examples: The Erie Canal, Panama Canal, Suez Canal **How did the Suez Canal come to be?** * In the 1800s, Egypt was a semi-independent province of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ empire, making great strides toward reform. Its success was due to Muhammad Ali (not the boxer).
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was an ambitious soldier who was appointed governor of Egypt by the Ottomans.
* Ali used the opportunity created by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_invasion and the civil war that followed to seize power in 1805.

**Muhammad Ali Introduces Reforms*** Muhammad Ali is sometimes called the “father of modern Egypt.” He introduced a number of political and economic reforms, including improving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_collection, reorganizing the landholding system, and backing large irrigation projects to increase farm \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Ali also brought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ military experts to Egypt to help him build a well-trained, modern army. He conquered the neighboring lands of Arabia, Syria, and Sudan.
* Before he died in 1849, he had set Egypt on the road to becoming a major Middle Eastern power.

**Building the Suez Canal*** Muhammad Ali’s successors lacked his skills, and Egypt came increasingly under foreign control. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a French entrepreneur, Ferdinand de Lesseps, organized a company to build the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Canal. European nations gained power over the Ottomans by extending loans at high-interest rates.
* In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the ruler of Egypt was unable to repay loans he had contracted for the canal and other projects. To pay his debts, he sold his shares in the canal. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bought the shares, gaining a controlling interest in the canal.

**How did the Panama Canal come to be?** * The United States had a growing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon the Latin American countries.
* Mexico was trying to build stable governments across North America. Latin American nations began to feel threatened by the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.

**The Monroe Doctrine*** In the 1820s, Spain plotted to recover its American colonies. Britain opposed any move that might close the door to trade with Latin America. British leaders asked American President James \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to join them in a statement opposing any new colonization of the Americas.
* Monroe wanted to avoid having an “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” with Britain, due to past issues (America wanting Independence from this nation). President Monroe issued the Monroe Doctrine in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**What does the Monroe Doctrine say?*** “The American continents are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers.”
* The United States lacked the military power to enforce the doctrine. But with the support of Britain's strong navy, the doctrine discouraged European \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* For more than a century, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be the key to United States policy in the Americas.

**The United States interferes in Latin America*** American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Latin America grew in the early 1900s. Citing the need to protect those investments, in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the United States issued the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine.
* Under this policy, the United States claimed “international police power” in the Western Hemisphere.
* When the Dominican Republic forced to pay their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the U.S. sent troops to the country.
* Americans collected custom duties, paid off debts, and remained for years.

**Resentment for the Americans*** Under the Roosevelt Corollary and President William Howard Taft’s policy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Diplomacy, American companies continued to invest in the countries of Latin America. To protect those investments, the United States sent troops to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Haiti, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, and other countries in Central America and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* As a result, like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ powers in Africa and Asia, the United States became the target of increasing resentment and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Building the Panama Canal*** From the late 1800s, the U.S. had wanted to build a canal across Central America. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the proposed site. However, Panama belonged to Colombia, which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sell the United States land for the canal.
* In 1903, the United States backed a revolt by Panamanians against Colombia. The Panamanians quickly won \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and gave the U.S. control of the land to build the canal.

**Breaking Ground in Panama*** Construction began in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Engineers solved many difficult problems in the course of building the canal.
* The Panama Canal opened in 1914, cutting the distance of a sea journey between such cities as New York and San Francisco by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of miles.

**Poor Image of the Canal*** To people in Latin America, the canal was another example of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Nationalist feeling in the hemisphere was often expressed as anti-Americanism.
* Panama did not gain complete control over the canal until \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It now forms a vital part of the Panamanian economy.
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