

AMERICAN EXPANSION

TERRITORY	DATE ACQUIRED	HOW ACQUIRED	WHY ACQUIRED
Alaska			
Samoa	1899	The U.S. began leasing the harbor at Pago Pago. In 1899, the U.S., Great Britain, and Germany all divided islands in the South Pacific in the Treaty of Berlin.	-Naval bases to protect American trading ships on their way to Asian markets.
Midway Islands	1867	Annexed by the U.S. under Secretary of State William Seward. They were previously uninhabited.	Naval bases in the Pacific.
Hawaii			

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Philippines			
Puerto Rico			
Guam			
Panama Canal			
Virgin Islands	1917	Purchased from Denmark under threat of seizure. The U.S. was afraid that Germany would take them first.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To prevent Germany from gaining them as naval bases. -Naval bases from which to protect the sea lands into the Caribbean Sea.