History of U.S. Imperialism Reading List
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Continental Expansion I:
Bauer, K. Jack. The Mexican War, 1846 – 1848
Cronon, William. Nature’s Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West
Hickey, Donald R. The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict
Johnson, Walter. River of Dark Dreams: Slavery and Empire in the Cotton Kingdom
Kastor, Peter J. and Francois Weil, eds. Empires of the Imagination: Transatlantic Histories of the Louisiana Purchase
Kennedy, Roger G. Mr. Jefferson’s Lost Cause: Land, Farms, Slavery and the Louisiana Purchase
Stagg, J.C.A. The War of 1812: Conflict for a Continent
Wallace, Anthony. The Long, Bitter Trail: Andrew Jackson

Continental Expansion II:
Roosevelt, Theodore. The Winning of the West
Turner, Frederick Jackson. The Frontier in American History
West, Elliot. The Contested Plains: Indians, Goldseekers, and the Rush to Colorado
West, Elliot. The Last Indian War: The Nez Perce Story
White, Richard. It’s Your Misfortune and None of My Own: A New History of the American West

Overseas Imperialism:
Blum, Edward. Reforging the White Republic: Race, Religion, and American Nationalism, 1865 – 1898
Hoganson, Kristin L. Consumers’ Imperium: The Global Production of American Domesticity, 1865 – 1920
Jacobson, Matthew. Barbarian Virtues: The United States Encounters Foreign Peoples at Home and Abroad, 1877 – 1900
Lake, Marilyn and Henry Reynolds. Drawing the Global Color Line
Love, Eric T. Race Over Empire: Racism and U.S. Imperialism, 1865 – 1900
Maurer, Noel. The Empire Trap: The Rise and Fall of U.S. Intervention to Protect American Property Overseas, 1893 – 2013
Pletcher, David. The Diplomacy of Trade and Investment: American Economic Expansion in the Hemisphere
Rydell, Robert. All the World’s a Fair: Visions of Empire at American International Expositions, 1876 – 1916
Von Eschen, Penny M. Race Against Empire: Black Americans and Anticolonialism, 1937 – 1957
**Imperialism in the Caribbean:**
Ayala, César. *American Sugar Kingdom: The Plantation Economy of the Spanish Caribbean, 1898 – 1934*
Briggs, Laura. *Reproducing Empire: Race, Sex, Science, and U.S. Imperialism in Puerto Rico*
Calder, Bruce J. *The Impact of Intervention: The Dominican Republic During the U.S. Occupation of 1916 – 1924*
Clark, Truman R. *Puerto Rico and the United States, 1917 – 1933*
Greene, Julie. *The Canal Builders: Making America’s Empire at the Panama Canal*
Parker, Matthew. *Panama Fever: The Epic Story of the Building of the Panama Canal*
Perez, Louis A. *The War of 1898: The United States and Cuba in History and Historiography*
Renda, Mary A. *Taking Haiti: Military Occupation and the Culture of U.S. Imperialism, 1915 – 1940*
Rosen, Fred, ed. *Empire and Dissent: The United States and Latin America*
Schmidt, Hans. *The United States Occupation of Haiti, 1915 – 1934*
Schoultz, Lars. *Beneath the United States: A History of U.S. Policy Towards Latin America*

**Imperialism in the Pacific:**
Brands, H.W. *Bound to Empire: The United States and the Philippines*
Karnow, Stanley. *In Our Image: America’s Empire in the Philippines*
Linn, Brian McAllister. *The Philippine War, 1899 – 1902*
May, Glenn. *Social Engineering in the Philippines: The Aims, Execution, and Impact of American Colonial Policy*
Silbey, David J. *A War of Frontier and Empire: The Philippine-American War, 1899 – 1902*
Siler, Julia Flynn. *Lost Kingdom: Hawaii’s Last Queen, the Sugar Kings, and America’s First Imperial Adventure*
Silva, Noenoe K. *Aloha Betrayed: Native Hawaiian Resistance to American Colonialism*

**Cold War:**
Engeldart, Tom. *The End of Victory Culture: Cold War America and the Disillusioning of a Generation*
Herring, George. *LBJ and Vietnam*
Hogan, Michael. *The Marshall Plan*
Hunt, Michael. *Ideology and U.S. Foreign Policy*
Leffler, Melvyn. *For the Soul of Mankind: The United States, the Soviet Union, and the Cold War*
Paterson, Thomas G. *On Every Front: The Making and Unmaking of the Cold War*
Sandler, Stanley. *The Korean War: No Victors, No Vanquished*
Williams, William A. *The Tragedy of American Diplomacy*