What is imperialism? By definition it’s: “A policy of extending a country's power and influence through diplomacy or military force.” This is what describes a time in our country’s history when we wanted more territory in order to become more powerful. This also gained us important resources at the time like oil and iron. We also could gain military bases which could get us more of an advantage if we end up in some sort of battle and act as a buffer.

Like President Hoover, Theodore Roosevelt wanted to bring America out of isolation and make it a world power. This motivated his big stick policy. He would silently take over countries with a big blow. He also brought the U.S. navy to be an international naval force.

Woodrow Wilson was a little different though. He didn’t concentrate on taking over countries but bring the U.S. to a higher power. He made the Aggressive Moral Diplomacy. This made said that the U.S. will only help those whose interests are in-line with theirs. He was very imperialistic. He took over certain countries like Haiti and forced their governments, by troops, to accept his beliefs.

American Imperialism helped to take over the Midway Island, which was barren. There was nothing there so they could take it over without any issues. This also helped them with the mail route between San Francisco and Manila. Only the staff live on the island. This is an airport base.

Captain N.C. Brooks discovered the Island in 1859. Theodore Roosevelt basically named it U.S. property 50 years later. It has been used as a naval reservation in 1903. Was an air and submarine base in 1940. Final usage base was in October 1, 1993 until it reopened and was named Henderson Field. The Battle of Midway happened four weeks after Pearl Harbor and was brief but it was a success for the U.S. Navy.