

## **American Foreign Policy: 1783-1823**

American Foreign Policy refers to the relations that the U.S. has with foreign countries. Study the chart below highlighting major foreign policy issues in the early history of the United States. Fill in the last column describing the relationship between the U.S. and foreign countries. *Did the United States follow Washington's advice from his Farewell Address?*

<u><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>EVENT</b></u>	<u><b>DESCRIPTION</b></u>	<u><b>Did the U.S. follow Washington's advice?</b></u> <i>(Did the U.S. try not to get involved with foreign affairs?)</i>
1793	Neutrality Proclamation	Washington states that the U.S. will remain neutral regarding war between Britain and France.	
1796	Washington's Farewell Address	Washington urges U.S. to remain neutral in foreign affairs; not to get involved in entangling alliance.	
1798	XYZ Affair	John Adams refuses to pay a bribe to France to stop impressments of U.S. sailors. Instead, he builds up the U.S. Navy.	
1803	Louisiana Purchase	Jefferson purchases Louisiana Territory from France for \$15 million dollars. Doubles the size of the U.S.	
1812-1814	War of 1812	Madison declares war on Britain because of continued impressment.	

## Then, in 1823, President James Monroe was faced with a foreign policy decision different from that of previous presidents.

In the early 1800s, many people living in colonies ruled by Spain had rebelled and formed independent nations. By 1825, Spain had lost almost all of its land in the Americas. They even lost Florida, which became part of the United States in 1819. Most of the other Spanish lands became the independent nations of Latin America that we know today (like Mexico, our neighbor to the south). In the 1820s, U.S. President James Monroe had to decide how the United States would relate with these new nations.



1. According to the map on the left, which three European countries claimed land in Central and South America? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to the map on the right, which country gained its independence in 1822? \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to the map on the right, which two countries gained their independence in 1830? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
4. If you were President Monroe, how would you react to the news of Latin and South American countries achieving their independence? \_\_\_\_\_

In December 1823, Monroe made a speech outlining the United States' new foreign policy. The speech would later be referred to as the **Monroe Doctrine**. Read the excerpts below and answer the questions that follow.

[1.] The American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers. . .

1. *What is the main idea of line 1?* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[2.] We should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety...

2. *What is the main idea of line 2?* \_\_\_\_\_  
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[3.] With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered and shall not interfere...

3. *What is the main idea of line 3?* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[4.] But with the Governments who have declared their independence and maintain it...we could not view any [action]...that oppresses them, by any European power...as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States.

4. *What is the main idea of line 4?* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Directions:** Study the cartoon below, then answer the questions that follow.



1. Who do the two characters on the left represent? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Who does the character on the right represent? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What is the occasion of this cartoon? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What is the speaker in this cartoon? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Who is the missing voice? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Who is the author's intended audience? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What is the author's purpose in creating this cartoon? \_\_\_\_\_

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