

Aim: How did imperialism affect Latin America?

I. Foreign Influence in Latin America

1. New leaders were dictators and prosperity was not common
2. Some places traded with GB and the US
3. Refrigerated railroad car allowed for the movement of perishables goods
4. They imported foreign manufactures
5. They did not attempt to build their own industries
6. They also borrowed a lot of money from foreign nations
7. The debt opened the door to foreigners

II. Monroe Doctrine

1. 1823
2. The US president stated that the Americas were not open to colonization
3. This was supported by the British
4. 1898 the US helped Cuba gain independence from Spain
5. The Spanish-American War gave Cuba freedom
6. It also granted Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines to the US

III. Panama Canal

1. Wanted to build a canal through Central America
2. It would be quicker than going around the tip of South America
3. Teddy Roosevelt supported a revolution in Panama
4. When Panama won its independence it gave a ten-mile wide zone to construct a canal
5. It was completed in 1914