

President James Monroe



Quick Recap

∞ Era of Good Feelings

- Political competition is minimal
- Americans mostly side with Democratic Republicans

∞ Henry Clay's American System

- Economic growth for businesses
- Collection of taxes
- Expansion of infrastructure

∞ Manifest Destiny

- Origin of idea
- Spread from Atlantic to Pacific

*National honor is
the national
property of the
highest value.*

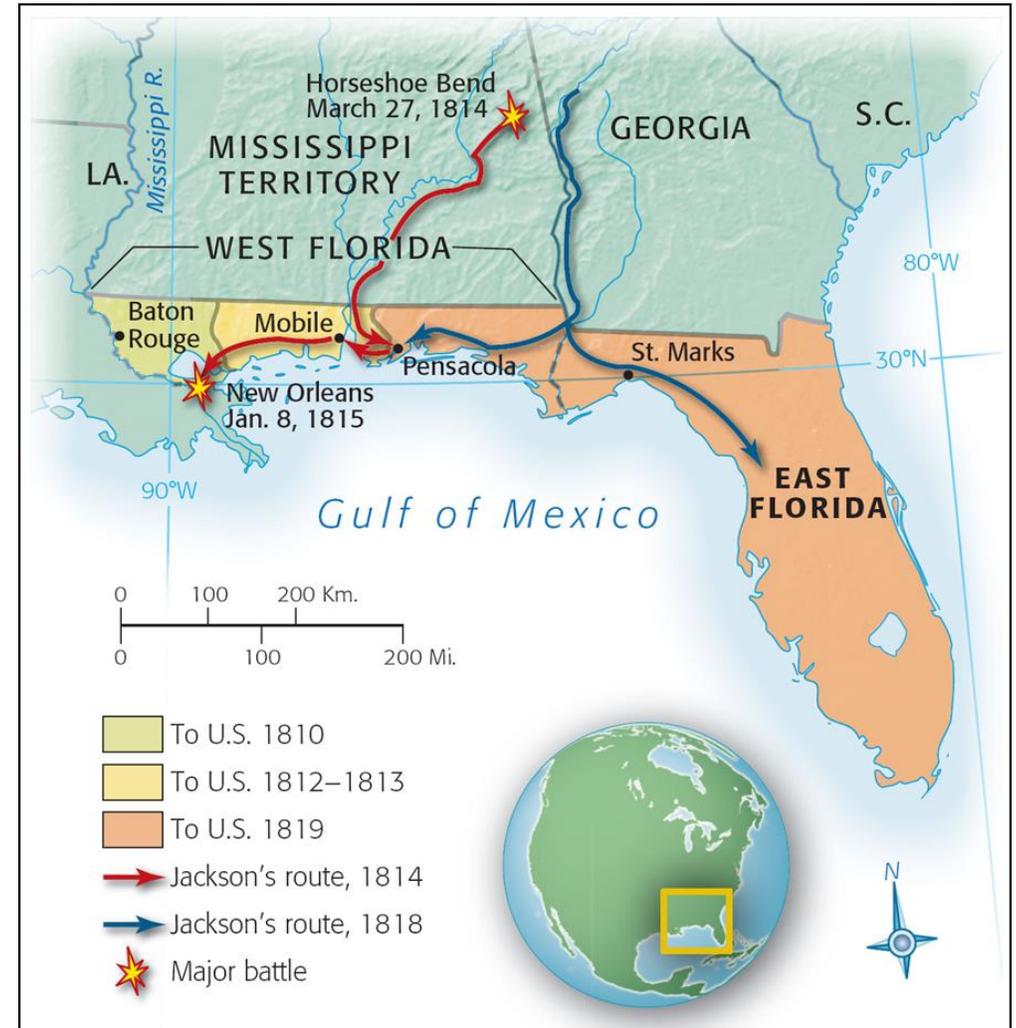
Foreign Relations: Britain

- ∞ Tension in the Great Lakes
- ∞ Fishing rights are disputed
 - Access and fishing in St. Lawrence
- ∞ Growth of US Navy is problematic for Britain
- ∞ Dispute over boundaries
 - Based on access to water routes to ocean
 - Maine to Oregon
 - Settled in 1846 in the Oregon Treaty



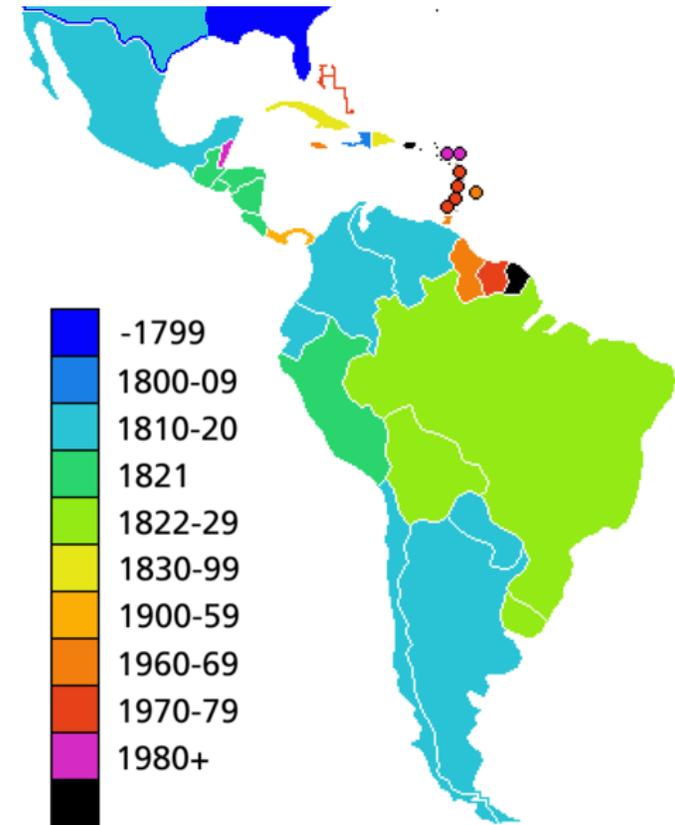
Foreign Relations: Spain

- ∞ Founding of Georgia as a buffer
- ∞ Slaves fled south to Florida for freedom
- ∞ Floridian Natives
 - Use as base to attack colonists
 - Seminole and Creek Tribes lead
- ∞ **Andrew Jackson's Role**
 - Leads troops against Native Americans
 - Friendly Creek allies
 - US soldiers
 - Local militia – TN and GA
 - **Adams-Onis Treaty (1819)**
 - Spain loses influence
 - Expense of war
 - Spain sells FL for \$5 million
 - Jackson is a “war hero” – Ends War of 1812
 - Prevents Britain from invading



Foreign Relations: Latin America

- ∞ Latin American countries declared independence from their imperialistic mother countries
 - Simon Bolivar – Venezuela
 - Jose de San Martin – Argentina
 - Fulgencio Yegros - Paraguay
- ∞ US feared independence meant Europeans would take over trade
 - Countries supported Spain to squash movements



New Opportunities

- ∞ US wants to take advantage of opportunity to trade with “new” countries before EU does
- ∞ Spain is #1 threat to regain power
- ∞ Russia claims territory near present day Alaska and “threatens” western hemisphere



Monroe Doctrine

- ∞ End of Napoleonic Wars encouraged creation of the Monroe Doctrine
 - Prussia, Austria, Russia = Holy Alliance
 - Fear of resurgent monarchies
 - Spanish monarchy could re-take Latin America and disrupt trade (all about \$ again)
 - Britain and US had a “special agreement” since US Navy was weak
- ∞ Policy of isolationism begins
 - ∞ Was the Monroe Doctrine aggressive or protective?

The occasion has been judged proper for asserting, as a principle in which the rights and interests of the United States are involved, that 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.

The Big Deal

- Secretary of State, John Quincy Adams, writes the doctrine
- America is closed to colonization
- No reconquering
- End of EU Imperialism
- US Will not interfere in EU affairs
 - Stay neutral
 - (No more money on wars!)

Washington, in heaven,
is pleased.



The Monroe Doctrine (Excerpt)

∞ *We owe it, therefore, to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers to declare that 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. With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered and shall not interfere. But with the Governments who have declared their independence and maintained it, and whose independence we have, on great consideration and on just principles, acknowledged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States*