Timeline Challenge

A Modern Nation Emerges

1867

U.S. Purchase of Alaska

Many Americans originally thought of this acquisition as a "folly," but the nation soon discovered a wealth of resources in Alaska.



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Congress Creates Yosemite National Park

The preservation of Yosemite in California is one of the first major victories in a national conservation movement to protect the American wilderness for future generations.



1292

Spanish-American War

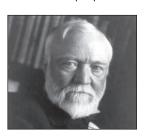
The United States enters a fourmonth-long war with Spain. After a U.S. victory, Cuba declares independence from Spain, and Puerto Rico and the Philippines come under U.S. rule. A revolt against the United States in the Philippines lasts three more years. The Philippines become independent in 1946.



1901

Andrew Carnegie Becomes Philanthropist

Andrew Carnegie sells his steel company for \$250 million and retires to a life of philanthropy. He and other industrialists, like John D. Rockefeller, use their fortunes to build universities, hospitals, libraries, and concert halls to benefit the American people.



1911

Child Labor

Draws to a Close

By year's end, 43 of

outlaw child labor.

the nation's 46 states

U.S. Government Breaks Up Standard Oil

President Roosevelt has John D. Rockefeller and his company investigated for unfair practices. The company's monopoly of the oil industry ends, and many other companies' monopolies over other industries are investigated.



1910

1920

Nineteenth Amendment Ratified

Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment grants women the right to vote.



1920

 1860
 1865
 1870
 1875
 1880
 1885
 1890
 1895



1870s

The Grange Promotes the Farmers' Cause

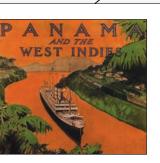
This self-help organization for farmers becomes a major force in politics and reform during the 1870s.



1898

U.S. Annexation of Hawaii

After years of debate, the United States makes Hawaii a territory with the support of President McKinley. Queen Liliuokalani is the last Hawaiian monarch to rule the islands.



1900

1903

United States Takes Over Canal Zone

Panama cedes a 10-mile-wide "canal zone" to the United States. During the next two decades, the United States oversees the construction of the Panama Canal, which opens in 1921.



1909

1905

Founding of the NAACP

W. E. B. Du Bois and other civil rights activists found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to ensure equal rights and opportunity for all African Americans.



1915

1917

United States Enters World War I

U.S. forces side with and ultimately bring victory for the Allied powers. Three years later, the U.S. Senate tries to avoid involvement in future wars by rejecting the Treaty of Versailles, pushing the nation once again toward isolationism.