

# U.S. Involvement in the Pacific

## Japan

What was Japan's policy about foreign trade?

Blocked outside trade

What did the U.S. send into Tokyo Bay? Why?

U.S. sent heavily armed U.S. warships with a letter from the president calling Japan to grant trading rights to Americans.

What were the two effects of this U.S. action?

1. Japan signed a treaty opening trade

2. set out to transform from a feudal society into an industrial nation that could compete with the modern world

## Alaska

Alaska was a colony of which country before it was purchased by the U.S.?

Russia

Who was William Seward?

U.S. Secretary of State

Some Americans called the purchase "Seward's Folly".

Why? Some Americans opposed the purchase & saw Alaska as a frozen wasteland

What were some benefits of purchasing Alaska? gold, and an array of natural resources

## Hawaii

1833-1844

List several reasons why Expansionists became interested in Hawaii.

natural beauty

sunshine

beaches

rolling surf

What was the role of American sugar planters in Hawaii? Planters forced Hawaiian King, Kalakaua to accept a new constitution that gave them great influence

Who was Liliuokalani?

The queen of Hawaii that advocated for Hawaiian independence

Who organized and led the uprising to overthrow Hawaii's queen in 1893?

American Planters

What was the outcome of the uprising?

The queen was overthrown and a pro-American government was established

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