



The Americas since 1898

Modern Issues from
Monroe Doctrine to
present

Monroe Doctrine at Work

- Told Europe to stay out of American affairs in return United States stays out of European affairs



Spanish-American War

- United States attacks Spanish in Puerto Rico and Cuba
 - Spanish Influence almost completely gone
- United States grants independence to Cuba, Puerto Rico taken as a territory



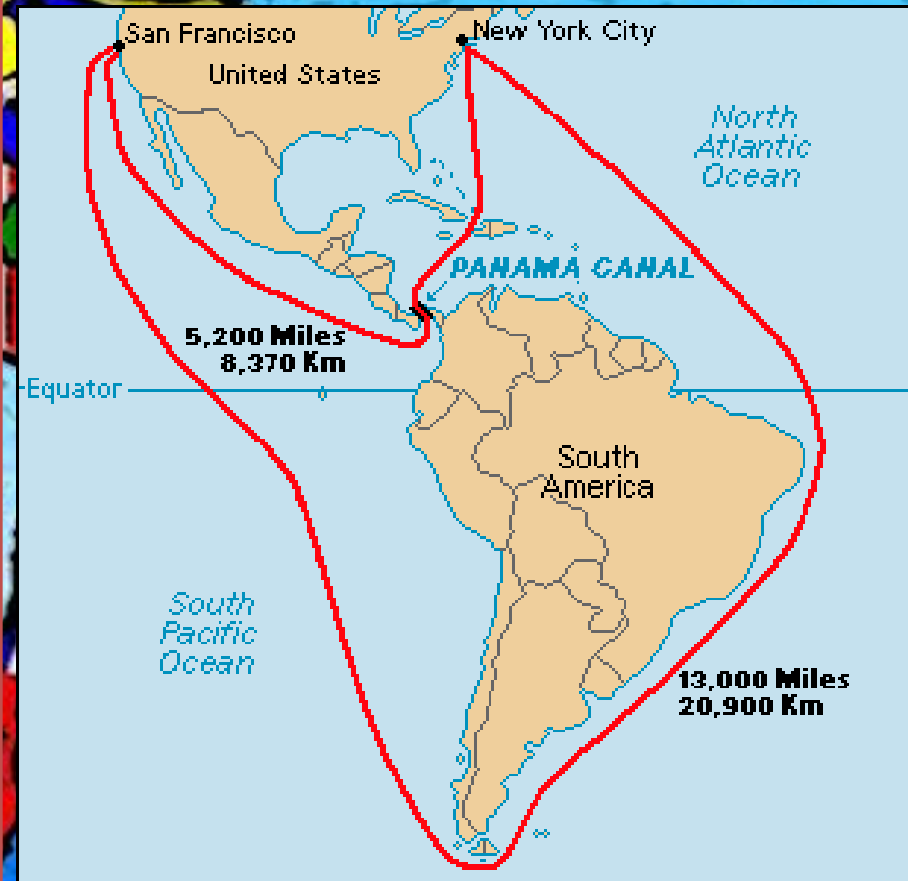
Mexican Civil War

- Revolutionary leader Pancho Villa struggles for control of presidency in Mexico
- United States comes to aid of Venustiano Carranza
 - Pancho Villa attacks United States in 1916
 - US Army chases after him



Panama Canal

- Originally opened Aug 15, 1914
- Exclusive US control of Panama Canal ended in 1979
 - Full operation of canal handed over to Panama in December 31, 1999





World Wars

- 12 countries declared war on Germany in World War I
 - Provide raw materials to allies
- Brazil declares war on Germany in World War II
 - Again source of raw materials



Modern Issues of Latin America

- Political turmoil marks the era after World War II in Central and South America
 - Some connected to Cold War
 - United States and Soviet agents at work

“Give me a balcony and I will become president”

- José María Velasco Ibarra (1960)

President of Ecuador

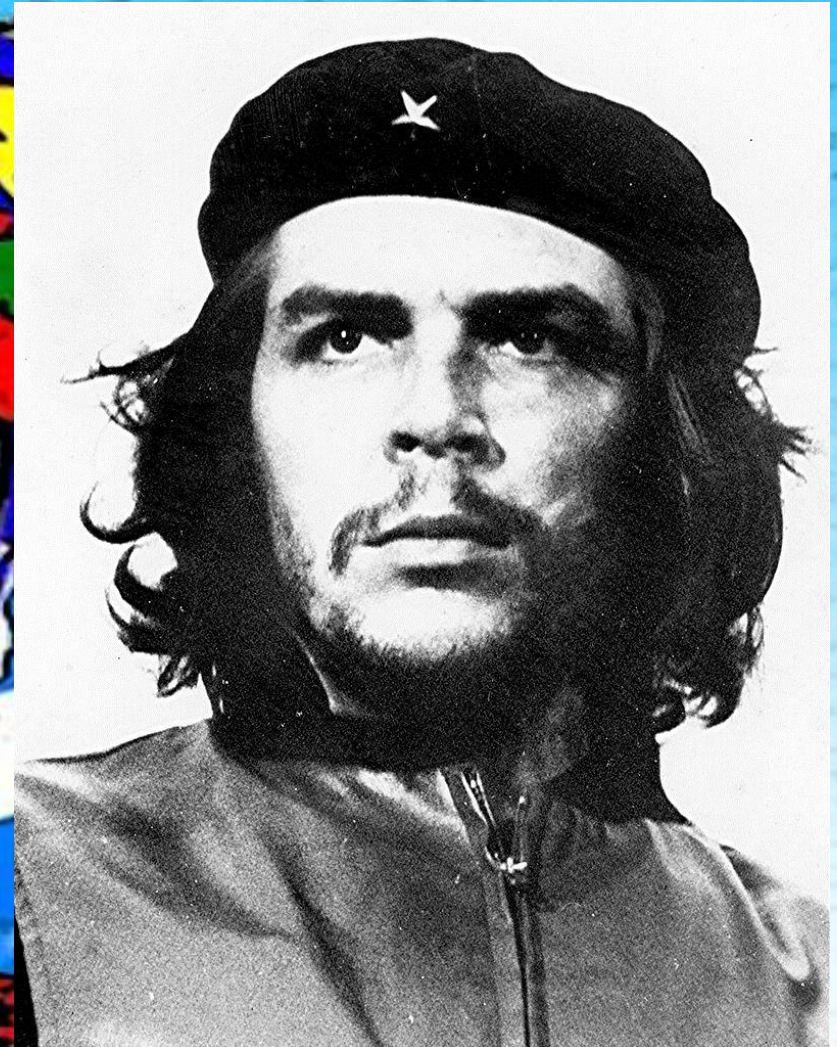
Case Study: Juan Peron

- Very popular leader out of Argentina
 - Helped by relationship with radio personality Eva
 - Associated with rise of populism
 - Fought for the common people
- Eva died in 1953
 - Rule quickly deteriorated and was deposed in 1955 by army



Case Study: Che Guevara

- Revolutionary leader from Argentina responsible for many socialist revolutions across Americas
 - 1953 Guatemala
 - Stopped by CIA
 - Cuba 1959
 - Successful
 - Bolivia 1966
 - Executed 1967



Case Study: Manuel Noriega

- 1983 Noriega creates a military dictatorship in Panama
- United States intervenes
 - 1989 attempts to get a military coup
 - 1990 United States invades Panama
 - Arrests Noriega on drug trafficking charges



Case Study: The Cold War

- United States backed government forces against soviet backed “freedom fighters”
 - 1970s Contras funded in Nicaragua
 - Colombian government backed against FARC forces in Colombia and Venezuela
 - 1964-Present



Modern Issues: Drugs and Oil

- Venezuela: Access to large amounts of Oil but strained relations with USA due to connections with Cuba and Russia
- Drug Trade: Drug Cartels in South America grow and illegally smuggle into United States
 - Mexico and Colombia especially



The Brazilian Question

- Brazil has possibility of rapid development
 - Structural problems
 - Government corruption
 - Favelas
 - Slums with high crime and high poverty

