

# The Young Republic Stands Tall



The Monroe Doctrine

## ACTIVITY KEY

**Rewrite** = rewrite the sentence to make correct

**Complete** = write the correct answer that completes the idea

**Cloze** = underline the correct word in the reading

**Text** = define the word or revise a text feature

**Interact** = interact with media/text

**Opinion** = give your own opinion



= complete the interactive notebook and/or test

During the early years of the United States, the map of the Western Hemisphere changed. We're not talking just about the map of the United States. We are talking about North America, Central America, and South America. The Spanish Americans kicked out the Spanish and created new countries. Latin America got its independence. Just like the United States, the Latin Americans sent the Europeans home.

**Interact:** What does this map show?



The Spanish were gone from all of North and South America except Cuba. The Spanish Americans kicked them out and made their own countries, like Mexico and Argentina. There was even a Latin American George Washington, called Simon Bolivar. He fought the Spanish and created a new Republic called Gran Colombia.



**Interact:** Who is this man?

So, Europe didn't control the Western Hemisphere at all. And.. Europeans had been fighting each other and killing each other for years and years. This was just after the time of Napoleon. For James Monroe and many Americans, it seemed like Europe was just old-fashioned and bad.



## Rewrite

1. During the presidency of James Monroe, Europe controlled most of the Western Hemisphere.

Americans had an idea that Europe was bad because:

- Europe still had kings
- European kings made wars that killed millions
- Europe didn't care about democracy or free government
- Europe was divided into nobles and peasants
- Nobles were rich; peasants were poor; they hated each other
- Europe was like a disease

This wasn't 100 percent true, but it is natural to compare yourself to others. It was also true that Europe had interfered in American business since the beginning of the country. England impressed soldiers. French diplomats wanted bribes. The Americans were tired of Europe.

**Interact:** Read the reasons Europe was bad. **Highlight** the main cause of all the bad things Europe did.



**Complete** Why was Europe “bad” in the eyes of Americans?

For James Monroe and many Americans, it seemed like the Western Hemisphere was becoming the land of freedom:

- North and South America were all Republics
- People in Republics have freedom and don't want wars
- Europeans always get in everyone's business
- The United States was the oldest and strongest Republic
- The United States already beat Europe (England) in wars twice
- The United States should defend the Spanish-speaking Republics from the Europeans
- All of America will become a paradise of democracy and agriculture

**Interact:** Read the reasons why Western Hemisphere was good. **Highlight** the main cause of the Western Hemisphere being good.



**Interact:** What is this picture?

These ideas led to something called the **Monroe Doctrine**. A doctrine is like a speech that becomes a plan. James Monroe's doctrine said:

-Europe is filled with monarchies; America is filled with democracies. The two systems are different and don't mix well. They are inherently different.

-The USA will protect all the Western Hemisphere. They won't let Europeans colonize or interfere with any country in North or South America. Likewise, the USA won't interfere in European affairs.

### Complete

1. James Monroe made a speech called the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Monroe Doctrine is a speech that became a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Cloze

The Monroe Doctrine was directed at Europe. James Monroe told Europe:

[ please help us / don't interfere in our business]

James Monroe insisted that America and Europe are different because they have different:

[ economic systems / political systems ]

America is the land of [ monarchies / democracies]

Europe is the land of [ monarchies / democracies]

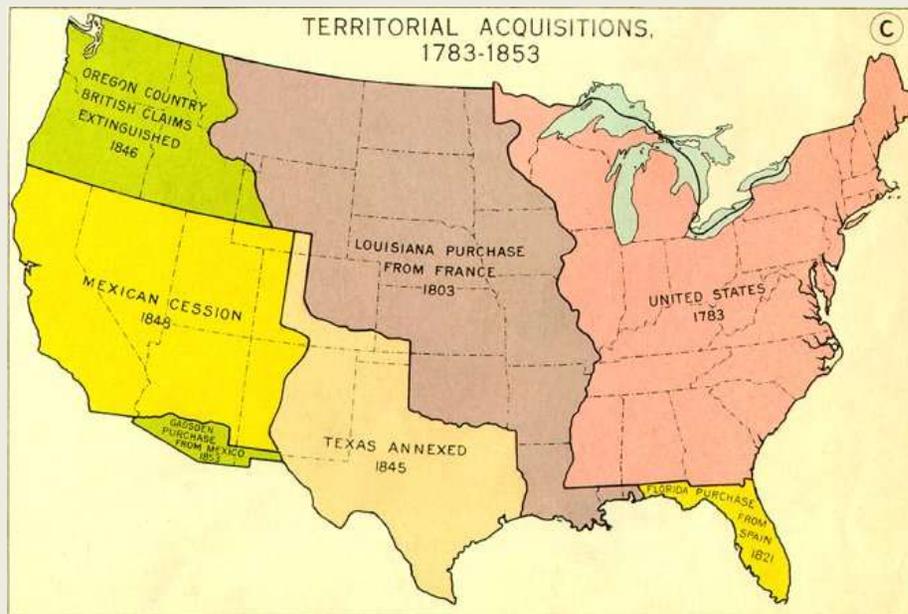
So, they couldn't get along. Therefore, Europe should stay in the:

[ Eastern Hemisphere / Western Hemisphere]

The United States is in charge of protecting the:

[ Eastern Hemisphere / Western Hemisphere]

"Europe" didn't respond. The truth was that Europe had its own problems. They were recovering from the time of Napoleon when millions died in years of wars. They didn't want America, anyway. They became more interested in Africa and Asia in later years. But America did change. They became more aggressive in their expansion. They became more proud of their country. Next, we will talk about some **victims** of American expansion.



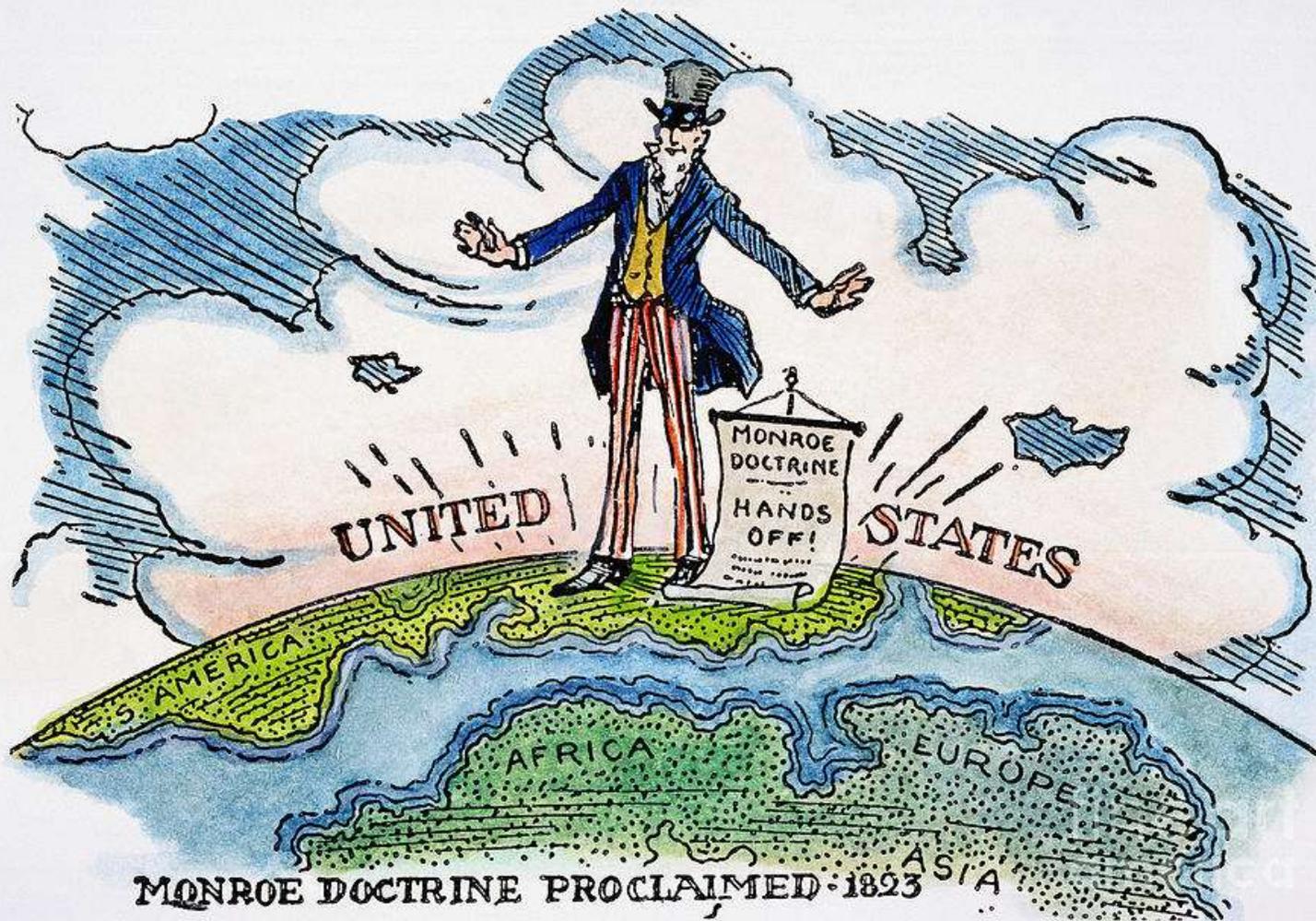


**Interact:** The man in the picture is Uncle Sam, the symbol of the USA. What is he doing?



**Monroe Doctrine, A Live Wire**  
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**Interact:** Circle Uncle Sam, the symbol of America. Make a square on the European leaders.



**Interact:** What do they mean by “hands off”?

## Opinion

What is the title of this BFU? Why do you think this is a good title?



Now, complete  
the Monroe Doctrine  
notebook activity.