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Unit 3: The Rise and Fall of the Federalist – The Monroe Doctrine

Part I: Excerpts from the Monroe Doctrine are in each box. Follow the directions for each box.

Circle the country Monroe is addressing. Underline where the two countries have peaceful relations on the American continent. At the proposal of the Russian Imperial Government, made through the minister of the Emperor residing here, a full power and instructions have been transmitted to the minister of the United States at St. Petersburg to arrange by amicable negotiation the respective rights and interests of the two nations on the northwest coast of this continent.

Circle the country Monroe is addressing. Underline the phrase that demonstrates an end to British colonization in the Americas.

A similar proposal has been made by His Imperial Majesty to the Government of Great Britain, which has likewise been acceded to... 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...

Circle the sentiments or attitudes the United States holds for countries across the Atlantic.

The citizens of the United States cherish sentiments the most friendly in favor of the liberty and happiness of their fellow-men on that side of the Atlantic.

Circle the phrase that shows US action in past foreign affairs. Underline the phrase that shows when the US would defend itself. In the wars of the European powers in matters relating to themselves we have never taken any part, nor does it comport with our policy to do so. It is only when our rights are invaded or seriously menaced that we resent injuries or make preparation for our defense.

Circle the two European countries addressed. Underline how the US views its relationship in their affairs.

The late events in Spain and Portugal shew that Europe is still unsettled... Our policy in regard to Europe, which was adopted at an early stage of the wars which have so long agitated that quarter of the globe, nevertheless remains the same, which is, not to interfere in the internal concerns of any of its powers;...

Underline the phrase about how the United States feels about European powers extending their influence in the Americas. It is impossible that the allied powers should extend their political system to any portion of either continent without endangering our peace and happiness; nor can anyone believe that our southern brethren, if left to themselves, would adopt it of their own accord.

Put this in your own words.

It is still the true policy of the United States to leave the parties to themselves, in hope that other powers will pursue the same course. . . .

Part II: Answer the questions about the cartoon.

- 1. In which hemisphere is the United States?
- 2. In which hemisphere are the European countries?
- 3. Who is standing on the Western Hemisphere?
- 4. Who is standing on the Eastern Hemisphere?
- 5. Why is the hat in the middle of the American continents?
- 6. What message is the United States sending to foreign countries?

