## 9.1: American Foreign Policy

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- I. Settling Disputes with Great Britain
  - A. <u>Rush-Bagot Agreement</u>
    - 1. Issue: Both US and Canada wanted to keep navies and fishing rights on the Great Lakes.
    - 2. Solution: Limited naval power on the Great Lakes for both the United States and Canada.
  - B. Convention of 1818
    - 1. Gave US fishing rights off the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador
    - 2. Set the border between US and Canada at 49°N latitude
    - 3. Agreed to share the Oregon Country for sake of fur trade
- II. United States Gains Florida
  - A. John Quincy Adams
    - 1. Secretary of State
    - 2. Negotiates with Spain regarding border dispute
  - B. James Monroe
    - 1. Fifth president
    - 2. Sent troops under Andrew Jackson to secure the US-Florida border
      - a. <u>Seminole Indians</u> in Florida helped runaway slaves and raided US settlements
      - b. <u>First Seminole War</u>: Jackson invades Florida WITHOUT direct orders from President Monroe.
        - i. Takes over most of Spain's important military posts
        - ii. Overthrew the Spanish governor
        - iii. Caused Spain to want to talk
  - C. Adams-Onis Treaty
    - 1. Spain gave East Florida to US
    - 2. US gave up claims to Texas and paid \$5 million
- III. Monroe Doctrine
  - A. Spanish colonies were gaining independence
    - 1. Simon Bolívar (AKA The Liberator): Led many colonies to independence
    - 2. US supported their independence
    - 3. Mexico became free in 1821
    - 4. Concern for European takeover of new countries
      - a. US stated they'd support them, but not fight their battles
      - b. Britain formed close trading ties with them
  - B. <u>Monroe Doctrine</u>
    - 1. US will not interfere in European affairs
    - 2. US will recognize and not interfere with European colonies
    - 3. Western Hemisphere (North, Central, and South Americas) were off limits to future colonization by any foreign power.
    - 4. Any attempt to colonize or interfere with the Western Hemisphere would be considered an act of war.
  - C. Latin America = sphere of influence (area US claims some control over)