U.S. Policies for Overseas Expansion

**CAUSES**

- Businesses need raw materials for factories
- Businesses need new markets for surplus goods
- Economic competition develops among industrial nations
- Countries seek strategic military locations

**EFFECTS**

- U. S. builds a strong navy
- U.S. gains lands in Pacific and Caribbean
- U. S. develops Open Door policy with China
- Panama Canal is built
- U. S. sends troops to protect interests and quell rebellions
U.S. Trade with Central America, 1913–1920

Exports from U.S. to Central America

Imports into U.S. from Central America

Source: Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1913 and 1922.