Preparation Questions for Wed, Feb 28 – Chapter 20

What is “imperialism”?

How – and why – did the United States engage in imperialism in the period 1890s-1914?

What cultural justifications / values / assumptions underlay US imperialism (and if you know European history, compare and contrast with European imperialism of the same era)?

Why (and where) did the US go to war with Spain in 1898?

Why was the War of 1898 a turning point in American world relations?

Compare the diplomatic policies and programs of Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson.

How and why did the US join World War I?

What happened on the American homefront during World War I?

Who were the American imperialists? Who were the American anti-imperialists?