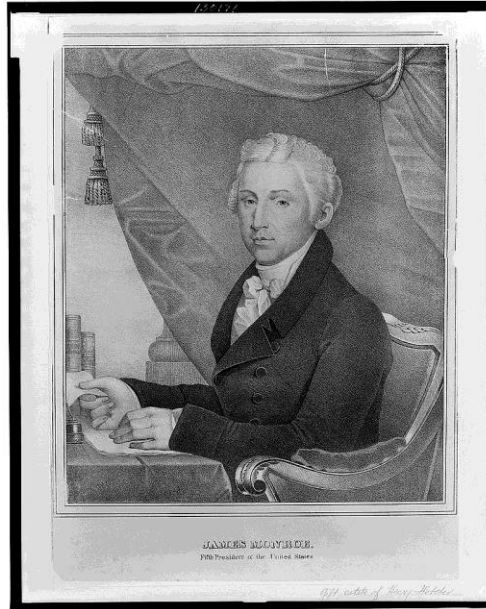
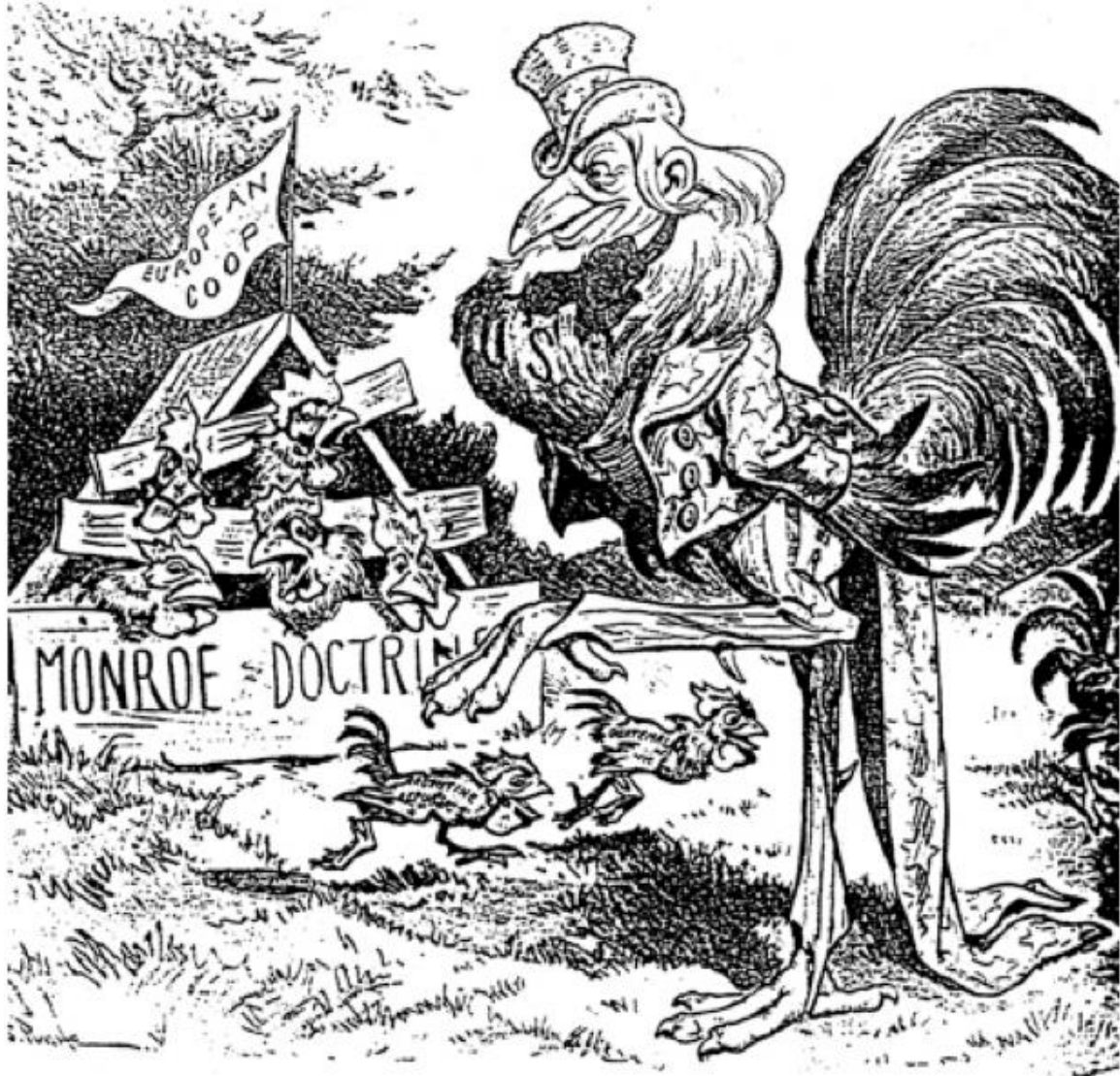


THE MONROE DOCTRINE



**Proclamation in 1823 by
President James Monroe**

Basically, it warned European nations not to get involved in political matters in Central and South America. The doctrine was intended to show that the United States was the only country that could influence such political matters. Based on Secretary of State John Quincy Adams' diplomatic or foreign policy, the Monroe Doctrine would become the long-lasting foundation of American policy that we, arguably, still use today!



POLITICAL CARTOON #1 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is happening in the cartoon?
2. Who does the figure in the foreground represent?

3. Who are the figures in the background? See if you can read the names of nations.

4. What is the message of the cartoon?



CAPTION: "The Monroe Doctrine: A Live Wire!"

POLITICAL CARTOON #2 QUESTIONS

1. Describe what is happening in this cartoon.

2. Who is the figure on the right?

3. Who are the two figures on the left?

4. How will the United States “interpret” that action from question 3?

This policy has been very important to the development of American diplomacy to this day.

Monroe claimed that Latin America was within the United States’ “sphere of influence” – this means that the United States is interested in the well-being and development of nearby nations and may claim some control over. Consider the many African nations the U.S. provides resources for, Iraq, or even Afghanistan today. The United States sends billions of dollars to foreign countries every year to assist with their development and protect them...

Why do you think President Monroe (and the United States today!) *really* wanted to “protect” the Latin American countries?