

4.4 America on the World Stage

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ **Total: 13 marks**

KEY WORDS monroe doctrine 门罗主义 • independent global presence 独立的国际地位
• early foreign policy 早期外交 • tariff 关税

Objective

Build the skills to explain **early foreign policy** 早期外交.

You must be able to:

- state what the United States was struggling to create
- name the three means of seeking control over the Western Hemisphere
- explain why American Indian removal appears in a foreign-policy key concept
- state what the Monroe Doctrine is an example of

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ The struggle

Struggling to create an independent global presence, the United States sought to claim territory throughout the North American continent and promote foreign trade. “Struggling” — the CED describes an ambition not yet realised.

■ Three means

Military actions, American Indian removal, and diplomatic efforts such as the Monroe Doctrine.

■ Removal in foreign policy

The CED lists removal among the means of seeking **control over the Western Hemisphere**. Placing it there records that the United States treated American Indian nations as an obstacle to continental control rather than as a domestic matter.

■ The Monroe Doctrine

The CED’s example of a **diplomatic** effort. A declaration is an instrument of policy even without force behind it.

2 Practice

2.1 State what the United States was struggling to create. [2]

2.2 Name the three means of seeking control over the Western Hemisphere. [3]

2.3 Removal appears among these means.

(a) State what the placement records. [2]

(b) State what the Monroe Doctrine exemplifies. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The CED describes the United States as [1]

- **A** struggling to create an independent global presence
- **B** already dominant
- **C** uninterested in trade
- **D** withdrawn

3.2 The Monroe Doctrine is given as an example of [1]

- **A** a diplomatic effort
- **B** a military action
- **C** a tariff
- **D** a court decision

3.3 A declaration is issued that the country lacks the power to enforce.

(a) State whether it is still policy.

[1]

(b) Explain the reasoning.

[2]

Solutions

2.1 an independent global presence, by claiming territory throughout the North American continent and promoting foreign trade.

2.2 military actions; American Indian removal; diplomatic efforts such as the Monroe Doctrine.

2.3 (a) that the United States treated American Indian nations as an obstacle to continental control rather than as a purely domestic matter. (b) a diplomatic effort.

3.1 A. struggling.

3.2 A. diplomatic.

3.3 (a) yes. (b) it states a position other powers must take into account, and the CED classes it as a diplomatic effort regardless of enforcement capacity.