



1 1898 The United States wins the Spanish-American War.

7 1916 U.S. forces unsuccessfully hunt for revolutionary leader Francisco "Pancho" Villa in Mexico.

6 1910-1917 The Mexican Revolution leads to a bloody civil war.

4 1901 The Platt Amendment allows the United States to intervene in Cuban affairs in exchange for the end of U.S. occupation.

2 1898 The United States acquires Puerto Rico from Spain.

8 1917 The United States purchases the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

3 1899 The U.S.-based United Fruit Company is founded. It becomes the region's largest employer.

5 1903 The United States helps Panama gain independence in exchange for the right to build a canal.

U.S. Power in Middle America 1898-1934

- United States and its territories
- U.S. political intervention
- U.S. military intervention

0 300 600 miles
0 300 600 kilometers