***1904 World’s Fair - Exhibition of the Igorot People***

**1898: Birth of an Overseas Empire Worksheet**

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**Directions:** Read and annotate the article *1898: Birth of an Overseas Empire.* As you read, reflect on the questions below and answer them using details, reasons and examples to support your thinking.

1. What were some of the major political, social and economic events that led up to the Westward Expansion across the Pacific Ocean?
2. What were some of the pros and cons of expanding to the Pacific?

1. What challenges did the “new island possessions” present for Congress? How did race play a role in determining the future of the inhabitants of these newly acquired territories?
2. What are the reasons the annexation of Hawaiʻi that led to the questioning of America’s “strict exclusionary policies?”
3. How did Congressman James Beauchamp Clark (Future Speaker of the House) view Japanese and Chinese immigrants? What did he fear would happen if America continued to pursue imperialism in the Pacific?
4. How did Senator Beveridge describe Filipinos? What did he believe was America’s role in the Philippines?
5. How did Future President William H. Taft view Filipinos? What predictions did he make about them based on the color of their skin? What did he mean when he said that the Filipinos are “born politicians?”
6. How did race play a role in the construction of an American empire? To what extent does race impact America today?