**Monroe Doctrine**

We owe it, therefore, to candor, and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers, to declare, that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere, as dangerous to our peace and safety. With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered, and shall not interfere. But with the governments who have declared their independence, and maintained it, and whose independence we have, on great consideration, and on just principles, acknowledged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling, in any other manner, their destiny, by any European power in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition towards the United States…

From the Monroe Doctrine 1823

1. Who is Monroe promising to protect?
2. What did President Monroe want to stop?
3. How might the U.S. system of government be threatened if Europeans regained control of former colonies in the Americas?
4. According to the Monroe Doctrine, how will the United States deal with European affairs?
5. What was the impact of the Monroe Doctrine? What are some problems this document might create?