Chapter 22 -The Big Stick Policy and China’s South China Sea Claim

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**Directions**: Follow each prompt. You will read a selection and/or view an image/document. Answer each question thoroughly. {*Instructors: insert specific directions such as word count, response type, submission format, etc.*}



Image 1. “The Big Stick in the Caribbean Sea,” by William Allen Rogers (1854-1931).

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**1. BACKGROUND**

**a**. **Read:** [**https://openstax.org/books/us-history/pages/22-4-roosevelts-big-stick-foreign-policy#CNX\_History\_22\_04\_BigStick**](https://openstax.org/books/us-history/pages/22-4-roosevelts-big-stick-foreign-policy%23CNX_History_22_04_BigStick)in the *OpenStax US History* textbook.

**b**. **Answer:** Explain the meaning of “big stick” foreign policy? According to the reading how did TDR use it to build the Panama Canal?

**2. INTERPRET**

**a. View:** Look at the image above.

**b. Answer:** Describe how the details reflect the *Big Stick Policy.*

Map

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Image 2. “South China Sea Maritime Claims,” by The National Defense University Press (2011).

Source: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:South_China_Sea_Maritime_Claims.jpg>.

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**3. CONSIDER**

**a. Read:** Read the article, [“A Primer On The Complicated Battle For The South China Sea, ”](https://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2016/04/13/472711435/a-primer-on-the-complicated-battle-for-the-south-china-sea) by Rami Ayyub of National Public Radio.

**a. Answer:** What is the conflict about and what are the competing claims being made by various nations in the region?

**4. CONNECT**

**a. View:** Study the map above depicting the Nine-Dash Line.

**b. Answer:** Considering the map above and the reading in part 3, make a comparison between China’s South China Sea claim and TDR’s Bick Stick Policy at the beginning of the 20th century.