

Objective: To examine the construction of the Panama Canal. USHC 5.3





Animation:
How the
Panama
Canal
Works

Panama
Canal
Timelapse



Panama Canal

- France, led by engineer Ferdinand de Lesseps, began construction on the canal in 1881.
- About \$287,000,000 had been spent and 20,000 men had died, mostly of yellow fever and malaria, before the French gave up.



Ferdinand de Lesseps

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THE FIRST MOUNTAIN TO BE REMOVED

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- President Theodore Roosevelt stated in a speech about the Panama Canal, "No single great material work which remains to be undertaken on this continent is as of such consequence to the American people."

GEOGRAPHICAL, STATISTICAL, AND HISTORICAL MAP OF COLOMBIA



*Colombia,
1822*

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HELD UP THE WRONG MAN

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- Colombia refused to grant the U.S. permission to complete the canal project.
- Therefore, the U.S. encouraged the Panamanian people to revolt against Colombia.



- On November 3, 1903, Panama declared their independence from Colombia and allowed the U.S. to build the canal.





- U.S. workers first sprayed tons of insecticide across Panama in order to destroy the mosquito eggs in an attempt to limit cases of malaria and yellow fever.



1905 fumigation car eradicating the mosquitoes - Panama City

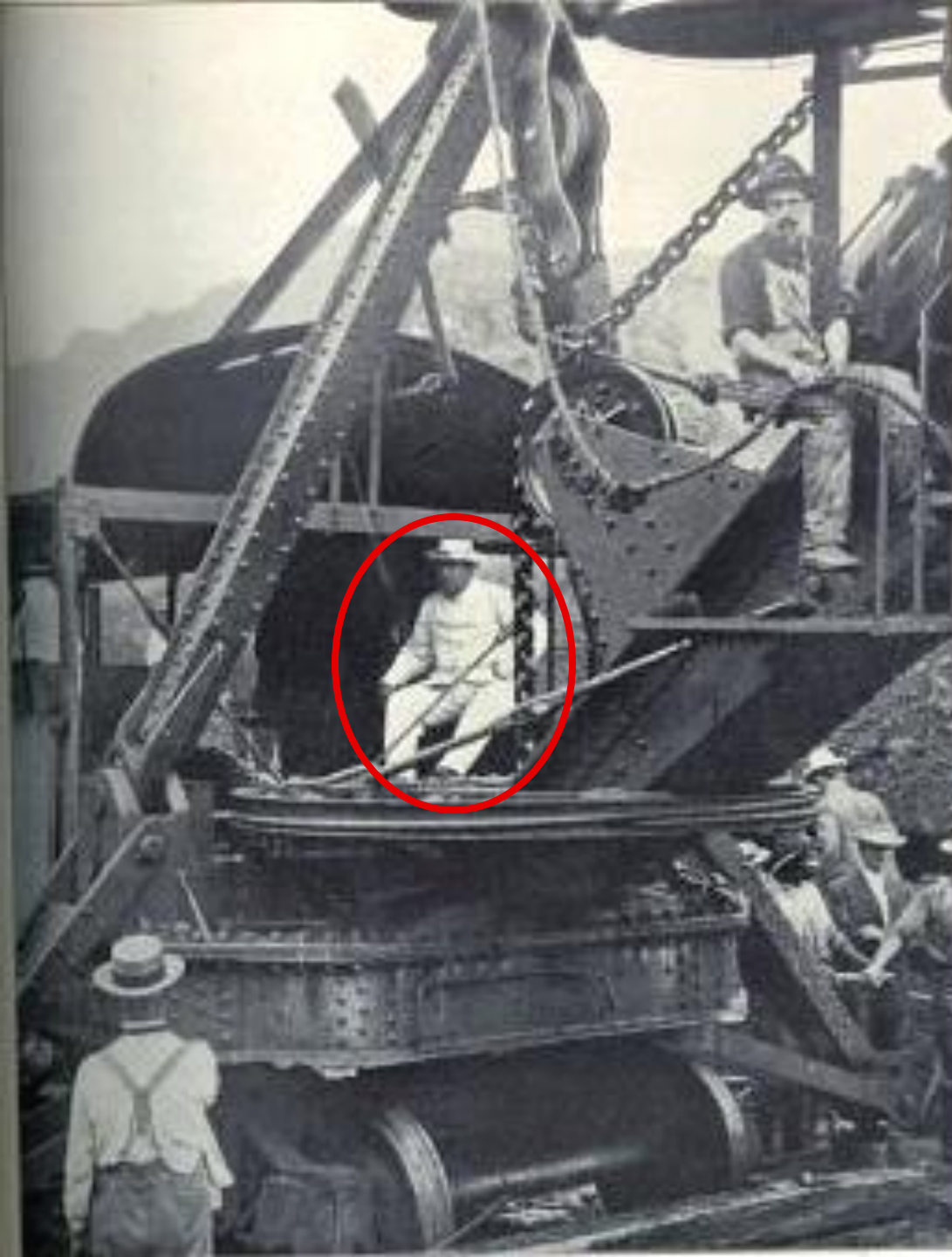
- Using mainly black workers from the West Indies, the U.S. finished the canal in 1914.



84-D. Arrival at Cristobal of S.S. Ancon with 1500 Laborers from Barbadoe. Deck Scene, Sept. 2, 1909

1909 Arrival of SS. Ancon with 1500 laborers from Barbados at the Cristobal Port in Colon, Panama

The Panama Canal – Live Cameras



*Theodore Roosevelt at
the construction site of
the Panama Canal.*