## **U.S and Mexico**

- Mexican President Diaz encourages Americans to invest--mines, oil wells, railroads, ranches
- Most Mexicans are very poor
- Mexicans rebel--Diaz is overthrown (1910), new leader Francisco Madero is overthrown (1913), new leader is Victoriano Huerta--civil war

- President Wilson refuses to recognize the new gov't, tries to stay neutral and allow Mexico to develop a democratic gov't without American interference
- Huerta's gov't becomes brutal, Wilson allows arms to be sold to rival Venustiano Carranza
- 1914--U.S. Navy occupies the port of Veracruz, Carranza's forces drive Huerta from power, U.S. troops withdraw

- Civil war continues--Pancho Villa tries to overthrow Carranza
- Villa's soldiers kill several Americans
- Wilson sends soldiers to capture Villa, withdraws after 11 months
- · Relations with Mexico are strained