GEOGRAPHICAL ADVANTAGE OF U.S.

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The United States is the most powerful country in the world. Its power and economics are largely based on its foreign policy and geographical history. It is difficult for other superpowers in the world to interfere in the country’s politics as geographically it is very isolated. The U.S. is bounded by oceans on its east and west, while its neighboring countries are friendly and militarily weak. According to the book and video, the country got ample time historically for development, as it has never been confronted on home front.

The geographical advantage and its divisions can be even seen from the colonial era where the states before its unisons were divided into three distinct groups. The book and video explain it as New England has amazing forests and ports which they use to boost their economy while the mid-Atlantic region was known for its arable soil and warm weather. The long stretchable rivers explain the populated cities around it as these rivers were used in the colonial era for navigation and transport of goods. While in the southern colonies the cities sit on a fall line below which the rivers were navigable. The south is hot and arable for good tobacco cultivation which was a main source of income for the colonists and this is the area where most of the slaves were present.

The advancement of the U.S. is down to New Orleans and Mississippi river as it was the main source of trade and navigation. For the United States to secure themselves they have to reach the Pacific Ocean in the west. According to the book and video the U.S. got there in 1848 after the Mexican-American war. With its land reaching from sea to sea, with merit the U.S. became untouchable. The only two other major countries in the region have difficulties in transportation and farming also because of their geography. As Canada is rocky and very large to connect and because of weather most of the area is not suitable for farming. Similar is the case with Mexico, most of their land area consists of deserts and hence it was also not much of a threat.

Hence the geographical isolation of United States was the true reason for their success because when you don't have to worry about a potential invasion only then can you spend your time and resources on health, education, science, and politics.