

The Spanish American War: U.S. versus Spain (1898)

"It's been a splendid little war..." John Hay, Secretary of State

Where? 1) _____ 2) _____

Underlying Causes of the Spanish American War	
Economic:	The U.S. _____ \$50 million in Cuba. Almost all of Cuba's sugar was exported to the U.S.. When economic hard times hit Cuba, Cubans began to _____ Spanish rule (being a Spanish colony) which set off the Cuban _____ against Spain in 1895. Revolution endangered American investments.
Humanitarian:	Americans _____ with the Cuban Revolution and were appalled by the military tactics of Spanish military commander, Valeriano Weyler. He _____ thousands of Cuban civilians in camps. Roughly 30% died of starvation and disease.
Expansionists:	American expansionists, including Theodore Roosevelt, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, and Secretary of State John Hay – recognized that a war offered the opportunity to _____ from Spain, a weaker nation.

Immediate Causes of the Spanish American War	
Jingoism:	a "super" _____ and demand for _____ actions aroused American's emotions and created a warlike mood.
Yellow Journalism:	Two of the most famous American publishers, William Randolph Hearst of the <i>New York Morning Journal</i> and Joseph Pulitzer of the <i>New York World</i> were battling for readers in a circulation war. Both newspapers printed the most _____ and _____ they could find about the horrors of the Cuban Revolution. The stories often _____ and _____ events for emotional effect. Known as "yellow journalism".
The De Lôme Letter:	A _____ written by Spanish minister to the U.S., Enrique Dupuy de Lôme, was printed in the New York Journal in February 1898. De Lôme called President McKinley "_____ and catering to the rabble". When his unfavorable comments were published, it made it hard for the president and other political leaders to withstand _____ for war.
Sinking of the USS Maine:	Less than a week after the publication of the de Lôme letter, the U.S. battleship <i>Maine</i> _____ and _____ in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, killing

266 Americans. The public blamed _____, although a later investigation was never able to determine the cause of the explosion or assign responsibility.

In April 1898, despite Spain's agreement to an armistice with Cuba, President McKinley asked Congress to declare war. Congress complied. It also approved the Teller Amendment, which promised that the U.S. would not annex Cuba.

The war lasted four months, with fighting both in the Caribbean Sea (Cuba) and the Pacific Ocean (Philippines). Of the 2,446 Americans who lost their lives, fewer than 400 were actually killed in combat, the rest died from infection and disease.

_____: Theodore Roosevelt led a "Cowboy Cavalry" and brought his own photographer to document the experience. Roosevelt's popularity from this led to his becoming Vice-President and then later President. The **Battle of San Juan Hill**- the bloodiest and most famous battle of the war. African Americans also helped -- but get no credit.

In December 1898, the terms of the Treaty of Paris negotiated with Spain:

- Granted _____ its _____
- Gave the _____ to the U.S. for \$_____ million
- Ceded _____ and _____ to the United States

For the U.S., the Treaty of Paris of 1898:

- Led to the _____ of many former Spanish territories that formed the basis of an American empire and led the U.S. to establish itself as a new _____
- Set off a national _____ among imperialists and anti-imperialists
- _____ American involvement in _____ and Asia as the nation sought to protect its new lands

Imperialists' Point of View	Anti-Imperialists' Point of View
The U.S. needs colonies to compete economically	Supporting an empire would be a financial burden
To be a world power, the U.S. needs colonies and naval bases	The U.S. should concentrate its energies on solving problems at home
It is the American destiny to expand, and its duty to care for the poor and weak peoples	Nonwhite people cannot assimilate into American society
To abandon territories makes the U.S. appear cowardly before the world	An empire would involve the U.S. in more wars
It is only honorable to keep land that Americans lost their lives to obtain	It is a violation of democratic principles to annex land and not offer its people the same rights as those of U.S. citizens.