

The Spanish American War



WAR DECLARED WITH SPAIN - 1898

The Main Idea

- The Spanish American War results in the United States emerging as a world power.

Trouble in Cuba

- Cuba was a Spanish controlled territory that wanted their independence.
- The United States traded with Cuba.
- America promises to support Cuba's independence in order to protect our business.



United States

Mexico

Gulf of Mexico

Cuba

Puerto Rico

Guatemala

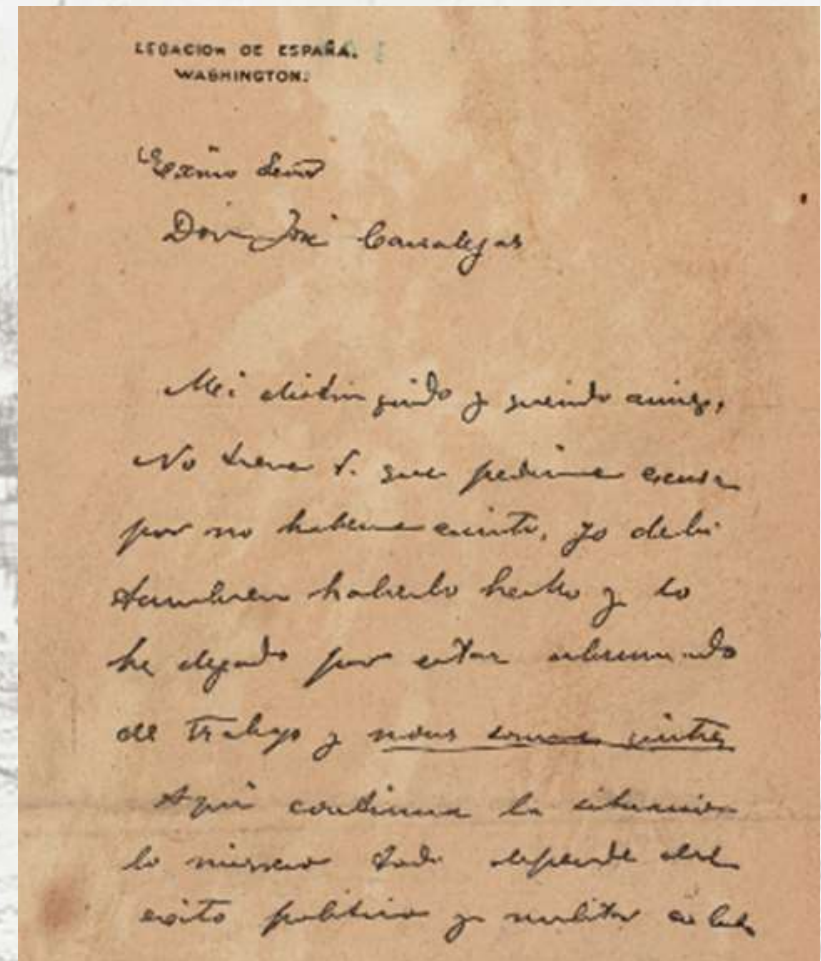
Yellow Journalism



- When the press (Newspaper) makes sensational claims that exaggerates the events around a story.
- Influenced the American public.

De Lôme Letter (1898)

- Letter written by Spanish Ambassador de Lôme.
- Criticized President McKinley and called him weak.
- Many Americans saw this as an insult against America.





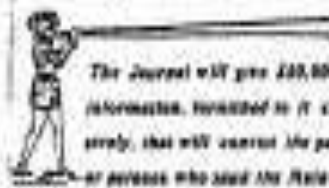
Sinking of the Maine

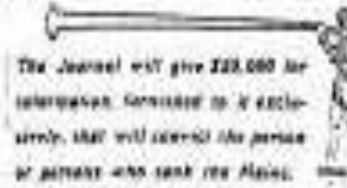
- The USS Maine explodes in Cuba on Feb. 15th, 1898.
- Yellow Journalist blamed Spain
- The U.S. declares war → April 20, 1898

\$50,000 REWARD.—WHO DESTROYED THE MAINE?—\$50,000 REWARD

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DESTRUCTION OF THE WAR SHIP MAINE WAS THE WORK OF AN ENEMY

\$50,000!

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For the Detection of the Perpetrator of the Maine Outrage!

The New York Journal offers a reward of \$50,000 CASH for information, FURNISHED TO IT EXCLUSIVELY, that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person, persons or persons responsible for the crime which resulted in the destruction of the United States war ship Maine on the eve of the outbreak of the Spanish war.

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FOR THE PERPETRATOR OF THIS OUTRAGE AND ACCOMPLICES

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Assistant Secretary Roosevelt
Convinced the Explosion of
the War Ship Was Not
an Accident.

The Journal Offers \$50,000 Reward for the
Conviction of the Criminals Who Sent
258 American Sailors to Their Death.
Naval Officers Unanimous That
the Ship Was Destroyed
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A Splendid Little War

- April to August 1898
- 460 Americans die during fighting.
- 5,200 die from disease.
- Only 460 Americans die in battle
- 5,200 Americans die of disease
- Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt becomes a war hero.
 - Roughriders



THE CHARGE OF SAN JUAN HILL

Results of the War

- Cuba gained their independence from Spain.
- The United States becomes a world power.
- The Treaty of Paris gives the United States territory:
 - Puerto Rico
 - Guam
 - The Philippines

The Philippines

- The Treaty of Paris led to the U.S. annexing the Philippines.
- Greatly divided the American public.
 - Imperialist vs. Anti-Imperialists
- Guerillas in the Philippines fought U.S. troops in a three year conflict before it became annexed.

“Awake United States”

- **This song was rushed into print between the sinking of the Maine on February 15, 1898, and the declaration of war on April 25, 1898.**

Eagle soar on high, and sound the battle cry!

**And how proudly sailed the warship Maine,
a Nation’s pride, without a stain!
A wreck she lies, her sailors slain.
By two-faced butchers, paid by Spain!**

**Eagle soar on high,
And sound the battle cry
Wave the starry flag!
In mud it shall not drag!**

Order of Operations

- Complete the Spanish-American War Assignment

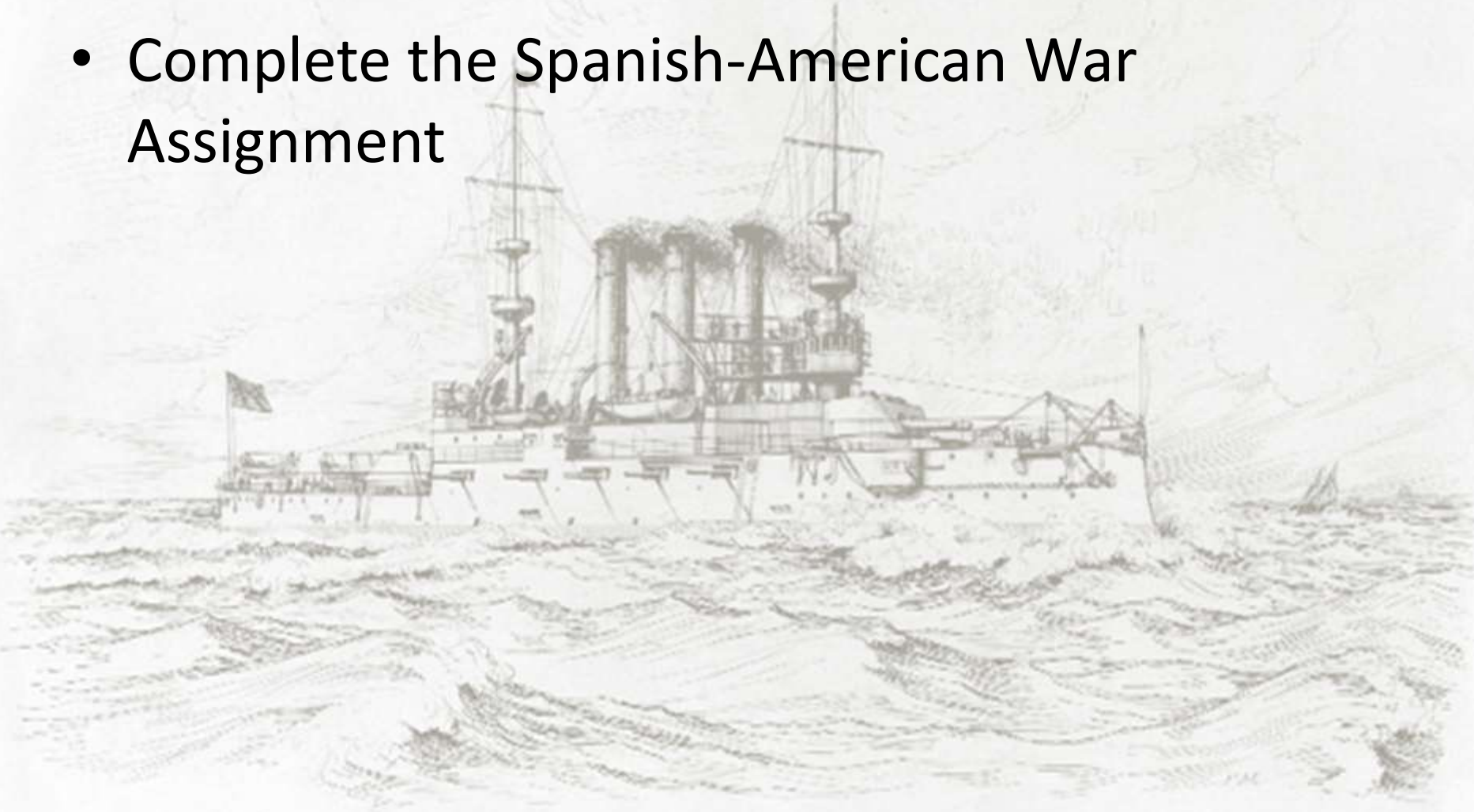


Photo # NH 96392 Maine class battleship, by F.M. Muller, ca. 1900