The Spanish American War



WAR DECLARED WITH SPAIN - 1898 Photo # INFI 90392 Maine class battlesnip, by F.M. Muller, ca. 1900

The Main Idea

• <u>The Spanish American</u> <u>War results in the</u> <u>United States emerging</u>

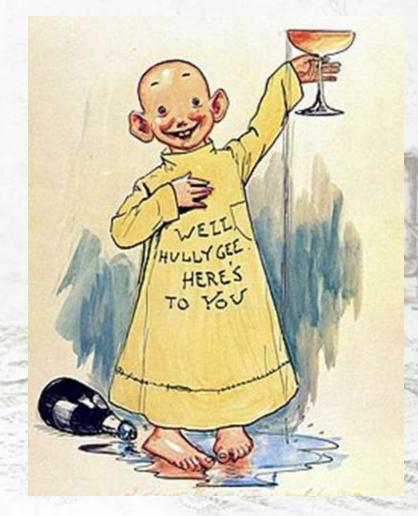
as a world power.

Trouble in Cuba

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



Yellow Journalism



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

 Influenced the American public.

De Lôme Letter (1898)

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

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Sinking of the Maine

- <u>The USS Maine explodes in Cuba</u> on Feb. 15th, 1898.
- Yellow Journalist blamed Spain
- The U.S. declares war
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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



Results of the War

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

The Philippines

- <u>The Treaty of Paris led to the U.S. annexing the</u> <u>Philippines.</u>
- Greatly divided the American public.
 - Imperialist vs. Anti-Imperialists
- <u>Guerillas in the Philippines fought U.S. troops</u> 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