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The Spanish American War



As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Explain the causes of the Spanish-American War.
- Identify the major battles of the Spanish-American War.
- Describe the consequences of the war, including the debate over imperialism.
- Examine the causes and consequences of the Philippine insurrection.

****Causes of the War**

America had set up sugar plantations in Cuba, & the Cubans rebelled against Spanish rule

Jose Marti launched a war for independence against Spain & war broke out

Soon American property was destroyed & Americans sympathized with the Cubans

Pulitzer & Hearst would play into the public's dislike of Spain with **Yellow Press- Publications featuring a hero called The Yellow Kid to boost sympathy**

*****Causes Continued**

President McKinley warns Spain to establish peace or the U.S. would intervene

A letter is infiltrated by Hearst calling McKinley weak. “Worst Insult to the U.S. in its History!”

Jingoism- Aggressive nationalism & admiration for one's own country

The warship Maine explodes in Havana harbor in Cuba, leading the U.S. to War!

War in the Philippines

George Dewey fires upon the Spanish forces in the Philippines, annihilating them!

Emilio Aguinaldo fought a revolution in the Philippines for freedom against Spain

The U.S. had a victory in the Philippines, but struggled in Cuba as they were poorly trained

The **Rough Riders** led by **Teddy Roosevelt** were a calvary of “rugged westerners” found great success

Turning Point

Spain eventually surrenders with only 3,000 American deaths (mostly from disease)

Treaty of Paris- Ended the war & Spain gives up territories & sells the Philippines to the U.S.

The U.S. would open Guam as an important fueling base.

Many Americans would argue about the control of the Philippines

Effects of Expansionsim

Emilio Aguinaldo would try to form an **insurrection**, rebellion, on U.S. rule

Guerrilla warfare- form of nontraditional warfare generally involving small bands of fighters attacking behind enemy lines

While Aguinaldo was eventually captured, the war in the Philippines claimed 5,000 American lives

William Howard Taft would govern the Phillipines bringing important improvements & a promise of independence one day