



UNIT 3 Imperialism and War

Part 1

I. REASONS FOR AMERICAN EXPANSION

1. Manifest Destiny

=the closing of the western frontier \Rightarrow U.S. needed a new frontier

2. SOCIAL DARWINISM

=survival of the fittest

3. Missionaries

= spread Christianity

4. ECONOMIC FACTORS

= need for new markets to sell goods

= need for raw materials to produce goods

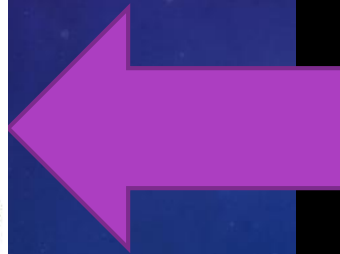
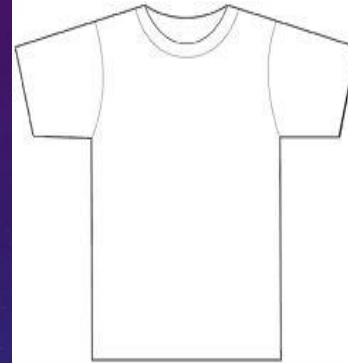
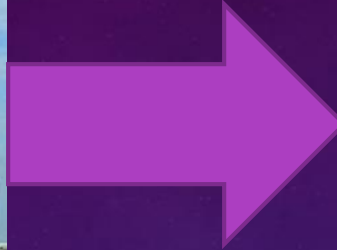
5. New Technology

= improved transportation / communications

- RR's & ships

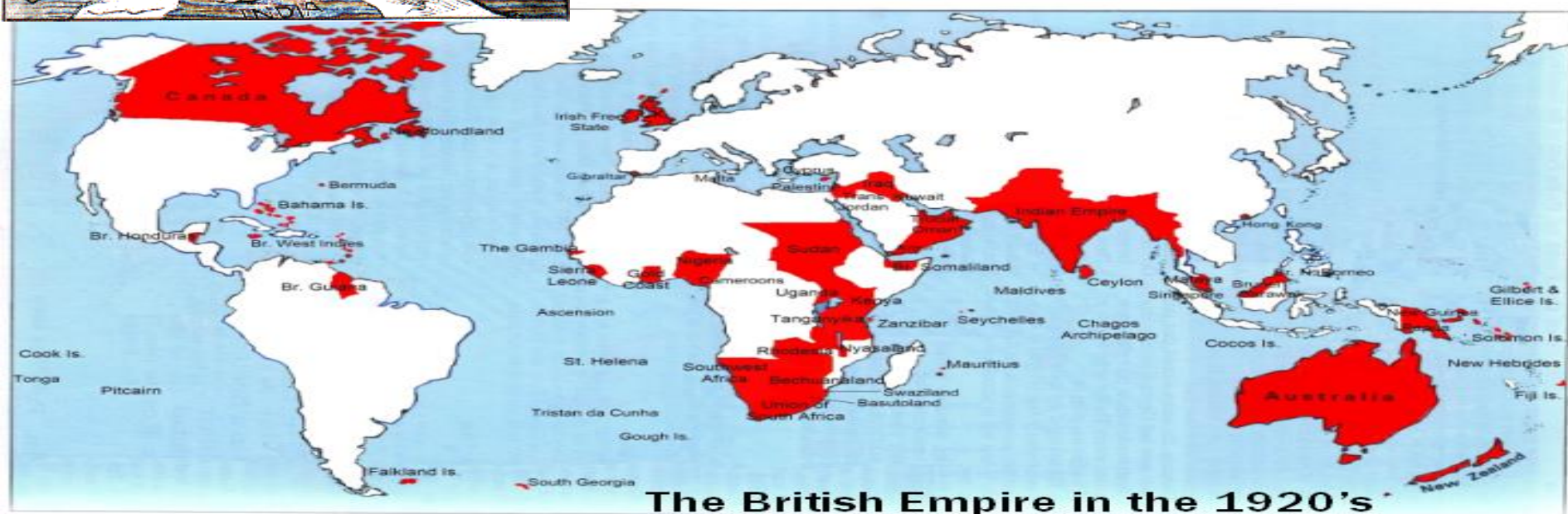
- telephone &

telegraph



6. U.S. DIDN'T WANT TO BE LEFT OUT = European nations were also imperialistic

- imperialism = a stronger country takes over a weaker country for social, political, or economic reasons



7. CAPTAIN ALFRED THAYER MAHAN

= wrote The Influence of
Sea Power Upon History
1660-1783

- strong navy = world power
 - islands needed for fueling stations
- result = U.S. acquires
▶ Samoa, Midway Islands,
& Hawaii





II. SPANISH AMERICAN WAR 1898

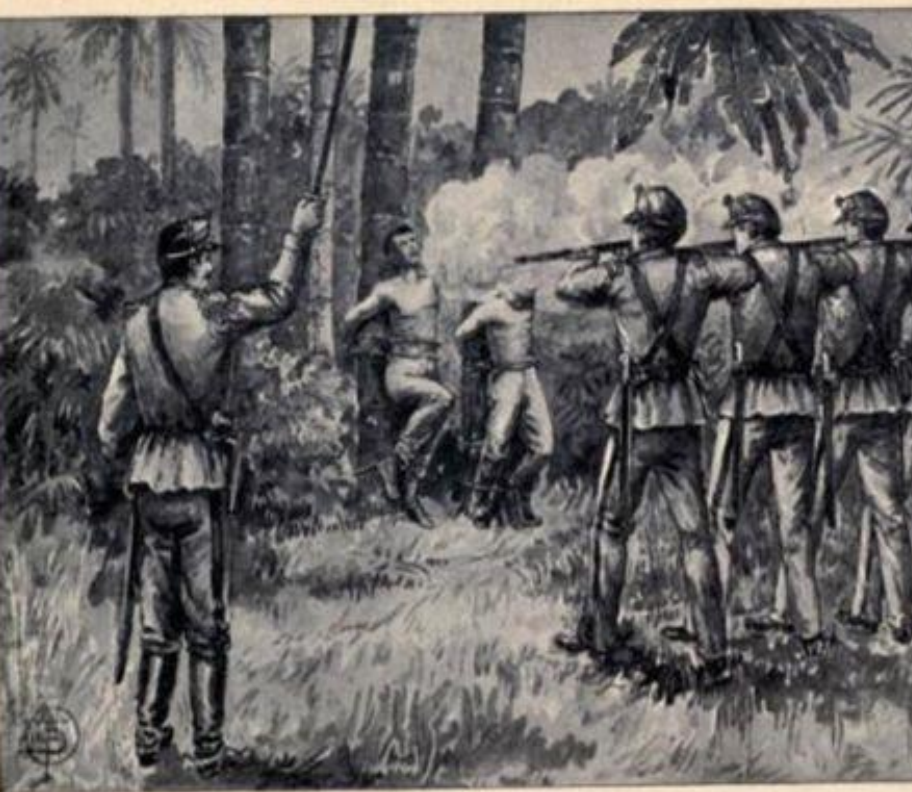
A. CAUSES:

1. Yellow Journalism

- [Spanish American War Intro Video](#)



=EXAGGERATION OF STORIES / SENSATIONALISM EX. WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST & JOSEPH PULITZER



EXECUTION OF CUBAN SPIES.

Many spies captured by the Spanish troops have been executed without the form. The usual mode of execution is to bind them to trees, as seen in the engraving, wh soldiers stands at a short distance from them and fires at the word of command.

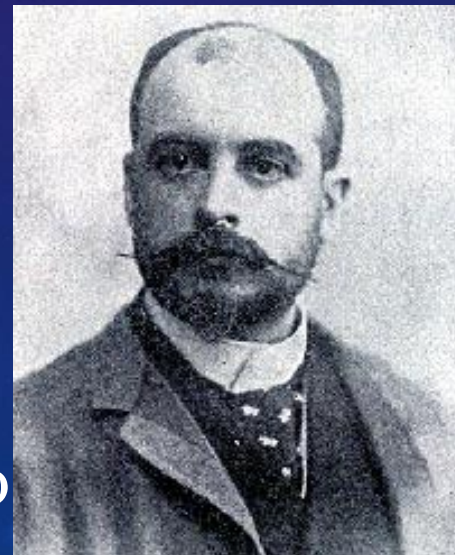


2. DE LÔME LETTER

= Spanish letter that criticized President McKinley as a bad leader

result = insulted Americans

Enrique Dupuy de Lôme, Spanish Minister with the Portfolio of Cuba. In a personal letter, he referred to the US President : "...McKinley is weak and catering to the rabble and, besides, a low politician who desires to leave a door open to himself and to stand well with the jingos of his



= the battleship exploded in the harbor of Havana, Cuba

= 266 crew members died

= Spanish military blamed

3. USS MAINE SUNK

video

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

EDITION FOR GREATER NEW YORK
NEW YORK JOURNAL
 AND ADVERTISER.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1904.—10 PAGES. PRICE ONE CENT

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

\$50,000! Assistant Secretary Roosevelt Convinced the Explosion of the War Ship Was Not an Accident.

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NAVAL OFFICERS THINK THE MAINE WAS DESTROYED BY A SPANISH MINE.

Longsight, London, the Journal's special correspondent at Havana, cables that it is the general opinion of many Spaniards in the Cuban capital that the Maine was destroyed and left to her fate by cause of a submarine mine or shell torpedo. This is the opinion of several American naval authorities. The Spaniards, it is believed, announced to learn the Maine exploded over one of the harbor mines. It was contended that many with a regular mission, and it is thought the explosion was caused by sending an electric current through the wire. If this can be proved, the United States will be obliged to pay the Spaniards for the loss of their property in the case of the mine had been for the night. The States show in the picture above where the mine may have been.

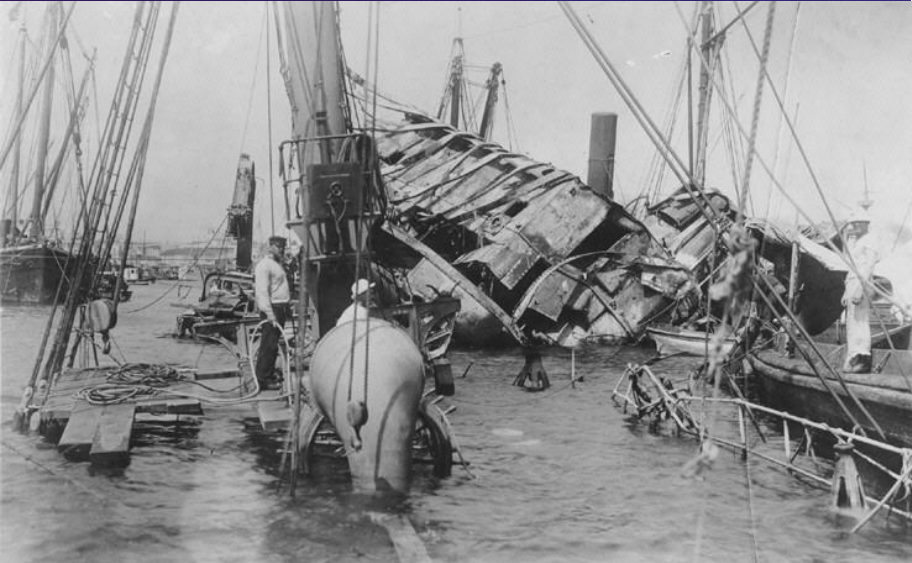


Photo # NH 46774 Diving on MAINE's wreck

Hidden Mine or a Sunken Torpedo Believed to Have Been the Weapon Used Against the American Man-of-War—Officers and Men Tell Thrilling Stories of Being Blown Into the Air Amid a Mass of Shattered Steel and Exploding Shells—Survivors Brought to Key West Scout the Idea of Accident—Spanish Officials Protest Too Much—Our Cabinet Orders a Searching Inquiry—Journal Sends Divers to Havana to Report Upon the Condition of the Wreck.

SPANISH POLITENESS.



B. EFFECTS: - T.R.'s Rough Riders

- ❑ capture San Juan Hill and El Caney (Cuba)
- ❑ result = T.R. becomes war hero
- ❑ very short war - only 379 deaths



- TREATY OF PARIS =

- 1 Cuba is independent
- 2 U.S. gets Guam & Puerto Rico



3. U.S. GETS PHILIPPINES FOR \$20 MILLION



4. Platt Amendment = U.S. can intervene in Cuba, U.S. gets naval bases in Cuba