

Becoming a World Power

Section 2 Filmstrip

The Spanish-American War: America Comes of Age

Look and listen for the answers to the questions below as you view this filmstrip/videocassette presentation.

1. What caused the explosion of the U.S. Battleship *Maine*?
2. "The sinking of the *Maine* provided the _____ which ignited Spanish-American War."
3. Following the Civil War, Americans began to invest in Cuban _____ and _____.
4. In 1895, the people of Cuba began a revolt against _____.
5. Who wanted the U.S. to seize Cuba from Spain?
 - a. the _____ in Congress
 - b. the _____ whose Cuban investments were threatened
 - c. those who wanted the U.S. to become a _____ power
6. The American _____ "fanned this desire for war." Both the *New York World*, owned by Joseph _____, and the *New York Journal*, owned by William _____, tried to increase circulation (number of papers sold by) printing stories about _____, _____, and other atrocities. _____ was secondary to sensationalism in this war of _____ journalism.
7. The American people wanted their country to "flex its _____" and join European powers in the quest for new _____.
8. Who was blamed for the explosion of the *Maine*? _____
9. Commodore _____ destroyed a Spanish fleet in the Battle of Manila Bay. Where is Manila?
10. During the war, more Americans were killed by _____ than by actual fighting.

11. Who led the American attack on Spanish positions atop Kettle Hill, outside of Santiago, Cuba?
12. How long did the Spanish-American War last?
13. What did the U.S. gain from the War?
 - a. It removed the threat of a foreign power using _____ as a base for attacking our mainland.
 - b. America emerged as a world _____ with a first-class _____ and a strong _____
 - c. The U.S. established itself as a _____ power.
 - annexed the _____, _____, and _____ islands these island, along with _____, gave the U.S. a strong foothold in the Pacific Ocean seized control of _____ _____, and the right to maintain a permanent naval base at Guantanamo, _____
 - d. Theodore Roosevelt used memories of the war to gain support for building the _____ Canal.
14. In 1898, most Americans agreed, the Spanish-American War was a “_____’ little war.”