

# The Age of Imperialism

## Activity 3 Reading Guide

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

1. America's desire for overseas growth gave new meaning to the idea that the U.S. had a "God-given" right to spread its way of life. This belief was called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Growth in American industries brought about demands for new sources of \_\_\_\_\_, new \_\_\_\_\_ where products could be sold, and greater \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Due to American investments, Cuba developed a "\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_" economy, and that crop was \_\_\_\_\_. Passage of the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Tariff Act caused a drop in Cuban sugar sales in the U.S. This led to great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ disorder in Cuba.
4. Cuba was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Spain. A violent \_\_\_\_\_ against Spain began in Cuba. "\_\_\_\_\_ " newspaper reports about the fighting in Cuba shaped American \_\_\_\_\_. More and more Americans began to think that the U.S. should help the Cubans in their fight for \_\_\_\_\_ from Spain.
5. Many Americans blamed \_\_\_\_\_ for the unexplained sinking of an American battleship, the \_\_\_\_\_. War with Spain was declared by \_\_\_\_\_ on April 19, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Spanish-American war lasted only \_\_\_\_\_ months. In the end, Spain \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The Spanish-American War showed that the U.S. had become a \_\_\_\_\_. As a result of its victory, the America gained control of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Island, and the \_\_\_\_\_ Islands. \_\_\_\_\_ also came under American protection.

Read each item in the Data Bank below. Decide if each item is a cause, and event, or a result of the Spanish-American War. Write the letter in front of each item in the correct column of the graphic organizer.

**Cause** = Something that happened **before**...

**Result** = Something that happened, or was true, **after**....

**DATA BANK**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. the Battleship Maine exploded in Havana harbor</li> <li>B. Commodore Dewey defeated the Spanish fleet in the Battle of Manila Bay</li> <li>C. the U.S. was recognized as a world power</li> <li>D. American newspapers printed sensational reports about Spanish brutality in Cuba</li> <li>E. Many Americans wanted the U.S. to acquire colonies</li> <li>F. Teddy Roosevelt's "Rough Riders" captured San Juan Hill in a dramatic battle</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G. The de Lome letter insulted President McKinley</li> <li>H. an American army invaded and captured Cuba</li> <li>I. America gained control of Puerto Rico, Guam, Wake Island, and the Philippine Islands</li> <li>J. U.S. business interests in Cuba were threatened</li> <li>K. Many Americans sympathized with the Cuban desire for independence</li> <li>L. Cuba became independent (under American protection)</li> </ul> |
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**The Spanish-American War**

<b>Causes</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Results</b>