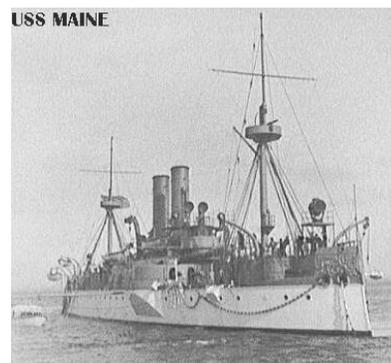
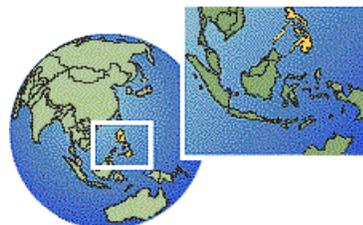
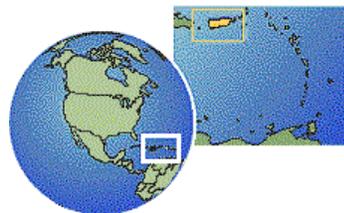
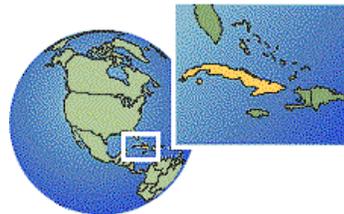


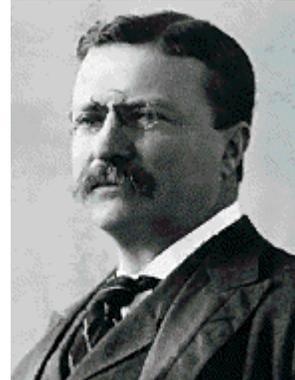
Spanish - American War

- Spain had once been a great empire
 - Over the centuries, they had **lost most of it**
 - Only a few pieces remained by the end of the 1800's
 - Cuba
 - The Philippines
 - Puerto Rico
- Cuba
 - The Cuban people revolted against Spanish rule
 - The U.S. helped the rebels
 - In 1898, President William McKinley sent the **U.S.S. Maine** to Havana, Cuba
 - Was meant to intimidate the Spanish
 - Soon after arriving, the **Maine mysteriously exploded**
 - Over 200 U.S. sailors were killed
 - The **U.S. blamed Spain**
 - The American public was furious
 - Stirred up by newspapers (**Yellow Journalism**)
 - Battle cry became **"Remember the Maine, To hell with Spain"**
 - Soon after the Maine explosion, a letter from the Spanish ambassador was intercepted by someone who gave it to the American press
 - The text of the letter was printed in newspapers
 - Known as the **DeLome Letter**
 - **Insulted President McKinley**
 - Americans were again outraged
 - War - a **quick American victory**
 - The Spanish were no match for the U.S.



- Admiral George Dewey quickly captured the Philippines
 - Battle of Manila Bay
 - Outdated Spanish Navy routed by the Americans
 - U.S. troops seized Cuba as well
 - Led by Theodore Roosevelt and his army of volunteer soldiers known as the Rough Riders
- The war lasted only 5 months
 - As part of the peace treaty (Treaty of Paris), the U.S. got the Spanish territories of the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Guam
 - The U.S. held the Philippines 1st as a protectorate and later as a commonwealth until 1946
 - Commonwealth - Independent but citizens considered part of the larger dominant country
 - Puerto Rico became a commonwealth
 - Guam became a U.S. territory
 - Cuba became independent but the U.S. had a lot of influence
- The U.S. had acquired an empire but we weren't sure what we wanted to do with it
 - Quote by an unknown source:

*We've taken up the White man's burden
Of ebony and brown;
Now will you kindly tell us, Rudyard,
How we may put it down?*
- By 1914, the Europeans, Americans, and Japanese had brought most of the world under their control
 - Soon the world would catch a glimpse of what they had made of it



Theodore Roosevelt
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