



STAAR BLITZ: IMPERIALISM, SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, WWI

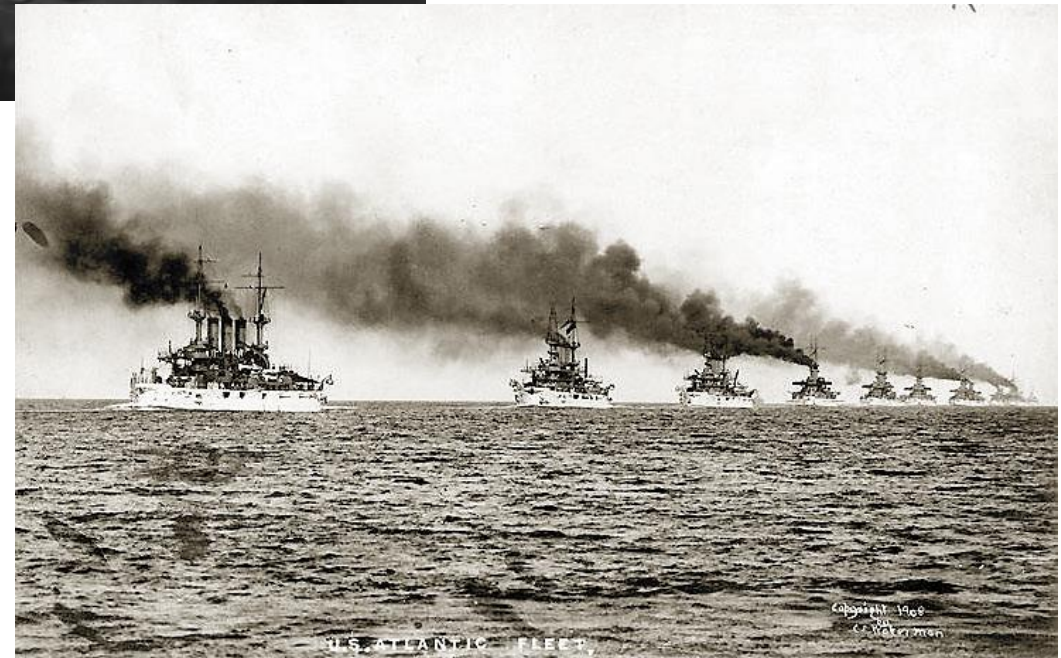
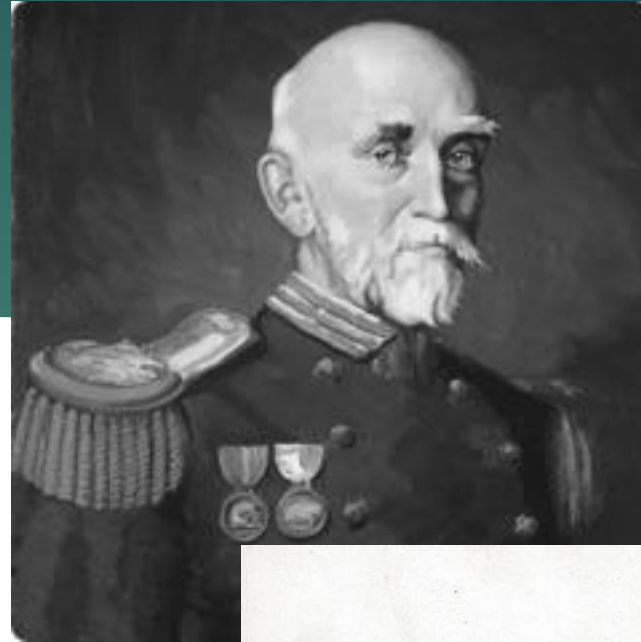
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AGE OF IMPERIALISM! (1900s- 1914)



MILITARY

- ▶ Alfred T. Mahan argued for a strong NAVY in his book “Influence of Sea Power Upon History”
- ▶ Easier for protection of territories
- ▶ Refueling ports



ECONOMIC/ POLITICAL...ways we expanded...

- ▶ **Need for raw materials and markets.**
- ▶ **Open Door Policy**— U.S. declares continued trade with **CHINA**. (they have lots that we want!)
 - ▶ Boxer Rebellion
- ▶ **Dollar Diplomacy**— Taft's idea to give **FINANCIAL** support to other countries, **ESPECIALLY LATIN AMERICA**.
- ▶ **Roosevelt Corollary**— justified sending U.S. troops (**NAVY**) to intervene in conflicts in Central America and force debt to be paid. (**INTERNATIONAL POLICE**)



SOCIAL

- ▶ Spread of American institutions
- ▶ Missionary zeal (spread of missionary work to convert native tribes)



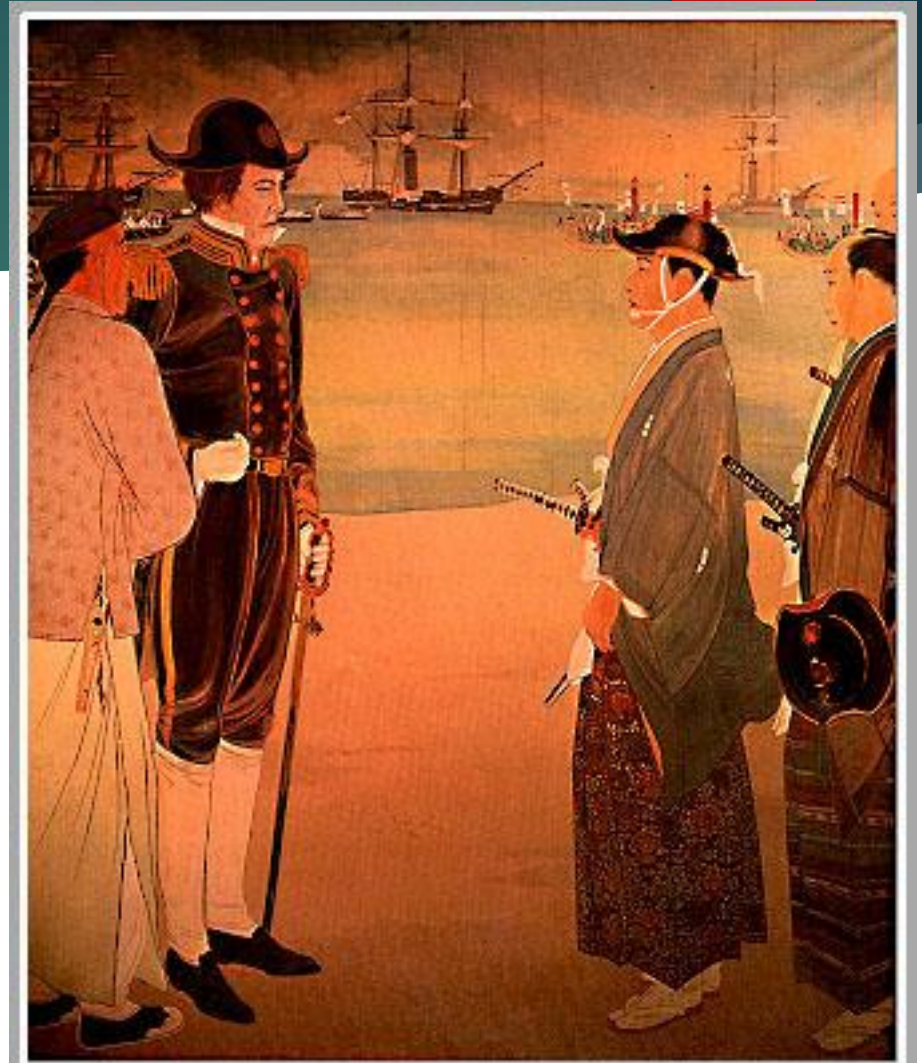
ANNEXATION OF HAWAII

- ▶ Sandford B. Dole—first president of Hawaii
- ▶ Missionaries/ PLANTATION OWNERS
 - ▶ OVERTHREW NATIVE QUEEN LILIOUKALANI (last queen of Hawaii)
- ▶ Military Port
 - ▶ Pearl Harbor (Oahu)



JAPAN

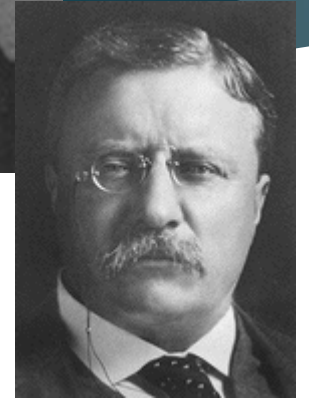
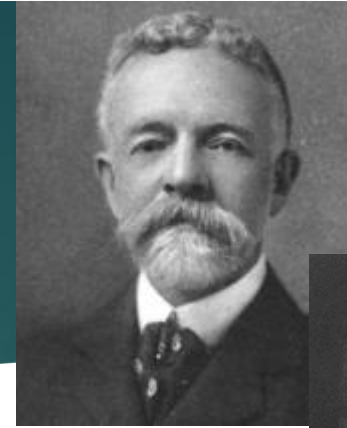
- ▶ Commodore Perry opens JAPAN to trade
- ▶ JAPAN began to industrialize...
 - ▶ Will soon become a WORLD POWER.



Commodore Perry comes to Japan to open trade.

Art: US Naval Academy Museum

EXPANSIONISM



▶ Henry Cabot Lodge and Theodore Roosevelt pushed for expansionism— what is that?

▶ ACQUIRING TERRITORIES BEYOND YOUR BORDERS THROUGH ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL DOMINATION

▶ How is this different from previous US policy?

▶ BEFORE WE WERE **ISOLATIONIST** – STAYED OUT OF WORLD AFFAIRS

▶ U.S. is more confident in military and naval power after Spanish American War



PANAMA CANAL

- ▶ Huge undertaking that **Theodore Roosevelt** oversaw
- ▶ **Improved trade and military movement**
 - ▶ Connected Oceans
- ▶ challenges of geography
 - ▶ Marshy, jungle, mosquitoes (yellow fever/malaria)
 - ▶ Different sea levels/ created locks!





THINK ABOUT IT: HOW DID THESE EVENTS
MOVE THE US INTO THE POSITION OF A
WORLD POWER?

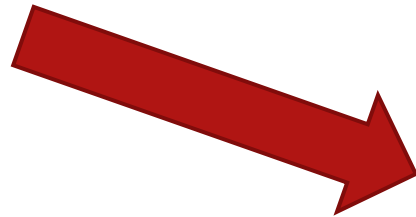
SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR 1898!!!!!!

- ▶ AMERICA BECOMES A WORLD POWER...



WHO

- ▶ US vs. Spain
- ▶ Yellow Journalism – Pulitzer and Hearst newspapers used this exaggerated form of journalism



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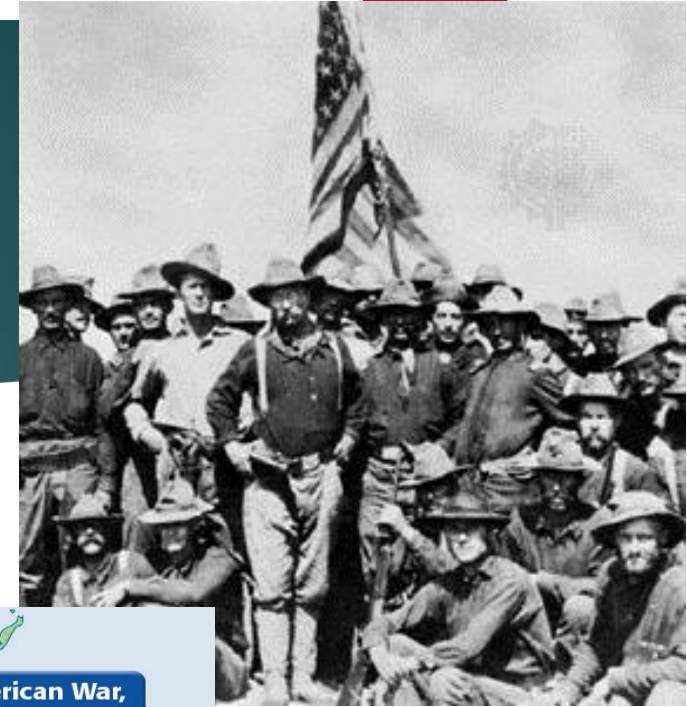
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WHEN

- ▶ **1898**
- ▶ **U.S.S. MAINE** is sent to Cuba to protect US interests (Havana Harbor)
- ▶ Explodes and seen as an attack on the US
 - ▶ Yellow journalism exaggerates and jumps to conclusions!

WHERE

- ▶ Havana, CUBA
- ▶ San Juan Hill victory of **Rough Riders led by TEDDY ROOSEVELT**
- ▶ Philippines



GEOGRAPHY SKILLBUILDER: Interpreting Maps

- 1. Location** Where is Cuba located in relation to the United States?
- 2. Location** In the war, the United States launched its first attack against the Philippine Islands. Why might this have surprised the Spanish?

WHY

- ▶ USS Maine sinks and the US blames SPAIN
- ▶ HARSH TREATMENT OF CUBANS
- ▶ DeLome Letter calls President McKinley weak. Americans are OUTRAGED!
 - ▶ (We were a baby country and were not seen as world power YET)

HOW

- ▶ Media
 - ▶ Yellow journalism increases support
- ▶ Land
 - ▶ US fought Spain in Cuba and the Philippines
- ▶ Sea
 - ▶ US NAVY defeats SPANISH NAVY very quickly

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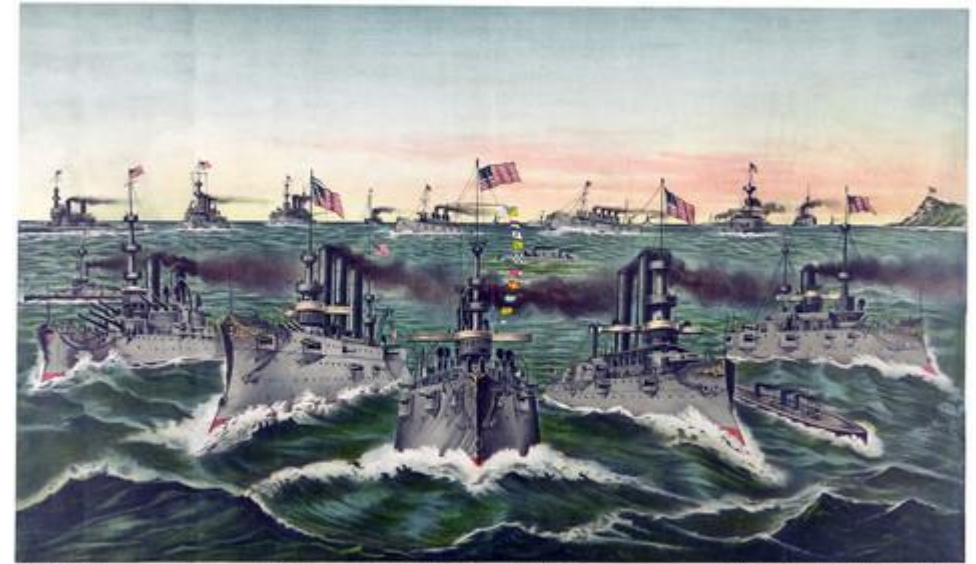
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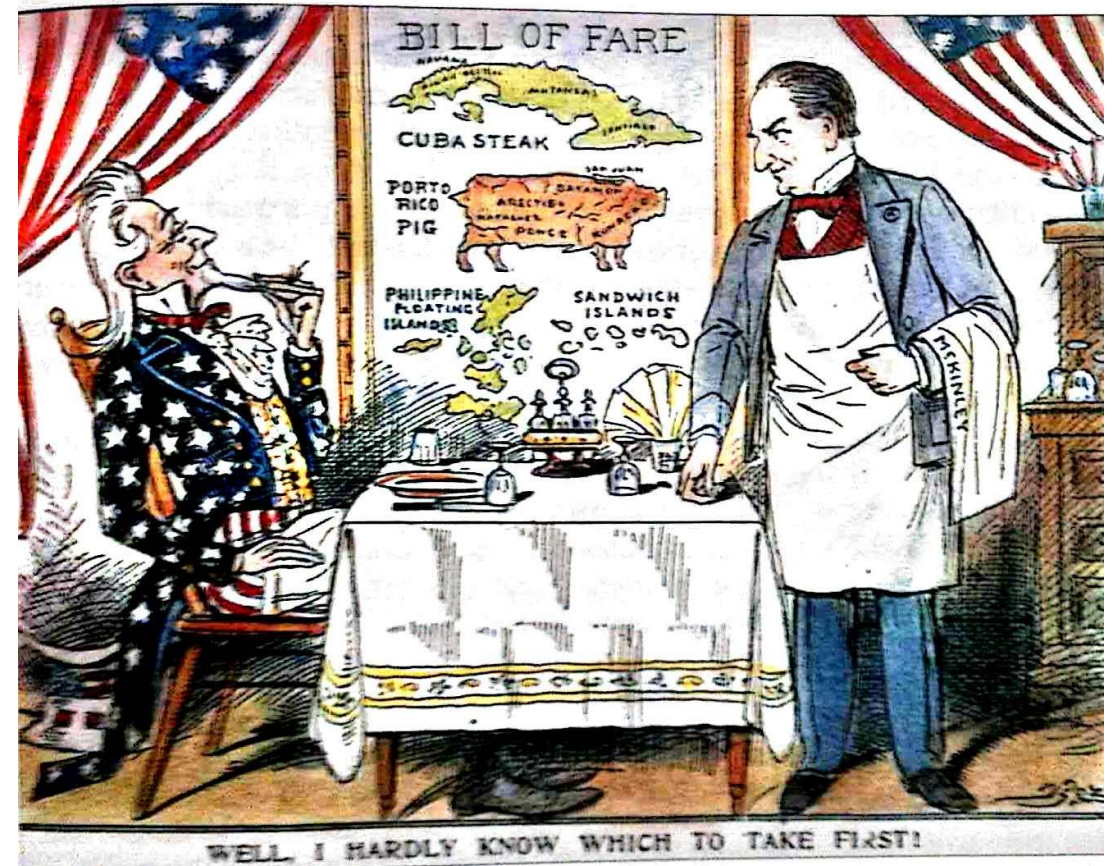
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OUR VICTORIOUS FLEETS IN CUBAN WATERS.

SIGNIFICANCE

- ▶ U.S. acquired territory from **Spain**—**Guam, Puerto Rico, and Philippines**
- ▶ **Platt Amendment**— U.S. gave **Cuba** independence... BUT could intervene in Cuba (ANYTIME)
- ▶ **What was the result?**
 - ▶ EXPANDED TERRITORY – GUANTANAMO BAY; HURT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CUBA
- ▶ **Why is this war considered a turning point?**
 - ▶ **US EMERGES AS A WORLD POWER** – WE START GETTING INVOLVED IN WORLD AFFAIRS



WWI

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▶ WHEN?

▶ **1914-1918**

▶ **TURNING POINT – 1ST INTERNATIONAL WAR AND USE OF MODERN WARFARE**

▶ Industrialized countries, New Weapons (machine guns, submarines, etc..)

CAUSES

- ▶ **MILITARISM:** POWERFUL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS DOMINATED EUROPEAN LIFE
- ▶ **ALLIANCES:** ANY DISPUTE INVOLVING ONE COUNTRY FROM THE ALLIES AND CENTRAL POWERS WOULD INVOLVE THEM ALL (BUDDY SYSTEM--Playground)
- ▶ **IMPERIALISM:** COUNTRIES HAD COMPETING ECONOMIC AND TERRITORIAL INTERESTS
- ▶ **NATIONALISM:** STRONG PRIDE IN ONE'S COUNTRY CAUSED RIVALRIES

- ▶ Assassination of **ARCHDUKE FRANZ FERDINAND** = SPARK THAT IGNITED WWI

WHO

- ▶ **President Wilson** initially **declared neutrality**
- ▶ Alliances: (playground story...)
 - ▶ ALLIED POWERS vs. CENTRAL POWERS (ENTENTE)
 - ▶ US, GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, Russia (but not for too long) **VS.** GERMANY, TURKEY, AUSTRIA, BULGARIA
- ▶ **American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) led by JOHN J. PERSHING**
 - ▶ **TURNED INEXPERIENCED SOLDIERS INTO EFFECTIVE MILITARY**
- ▶ **Argonne Forest** one of the most famous battles (1918) because **WE BROKE THROUGH GERMAN LINES**; LAST BATTLE
- ▶ **Alvin York won the MEDAL of Honor – CAPTURED MANY GERMANS**

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

- ▶ TANKS
- ▶ MACHINE GUNS/ TRENCH WARFARE
- ▶ POISON GAS
- ▶ AIRPLANES



EFFECTS OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

- ▶ Western front – hundreds of miles of battle front along Eastern France
- ▶ Trench Warfare – led to a
- ▶ Stalemate led to...
- ▶ Massive casualties



REASONS FOR US ENTRY

- ▶ **S**ussex Pledge – US PLEDGED TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH GERMANY AFTER THEY SINK SHIPS
- ▶ **L**usitania is sunk – LOT OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN DEATHS
- ▶ **U**nrestricted SUBMARINE warfare – **VIOLATED FREEDOM OF SEAS (TRADE)**
- ▶ **T**ies to Allies (even though we declared neutrality... we were helping allies with supplies)
- ▶ **Z**IMMERMAN Telegram – MSG FROM **GERMANY TO MEXICO** THAT PROMISED TO RETURN TX, AZ, AND NM TO MEXICO IF THEY HELPED FIGHT THE US

SIGNIFICANCE

- ▶ **Treaty of Versailles—**
 - ▶ **Germany reparations** and accept guilt (WAR GUILT CLAUSE)
 - ▶ Woodrow Wilson's 14 Points created League of NATIONS
 - ▶ Wilson wants to make world safe for democracy and FREEEEEEEEE
 - ▶ TREATY NEVER RATIFIED BY US AND WE DON'T JOIN LEAGUE (FAILS)
 - ▶ Congress was afraid it took away their power to declare war! (Henry Cabot Lodge)
- ▶ **Great Migration** – MIGRATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS **NORTH (JOBS/ESCAPE RACISM)**
- ▶ U.S. returns **to isolationism**
- ▶ International instability
 - ▶ GERMAN FINANCIAL CRISIS
- ▶ **Espionage Act of 1917/Sedition Act** restricted freedom of SPEECH
- ▶ **Selective Service Act** – 1st wartime **DRAFT**