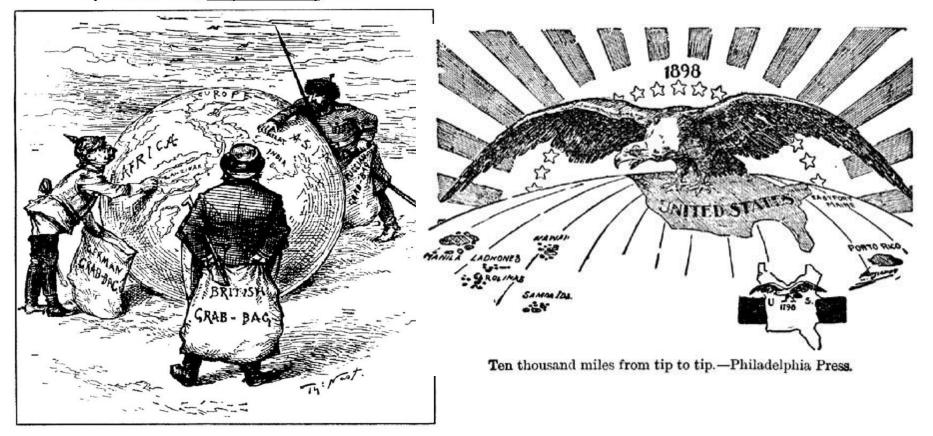
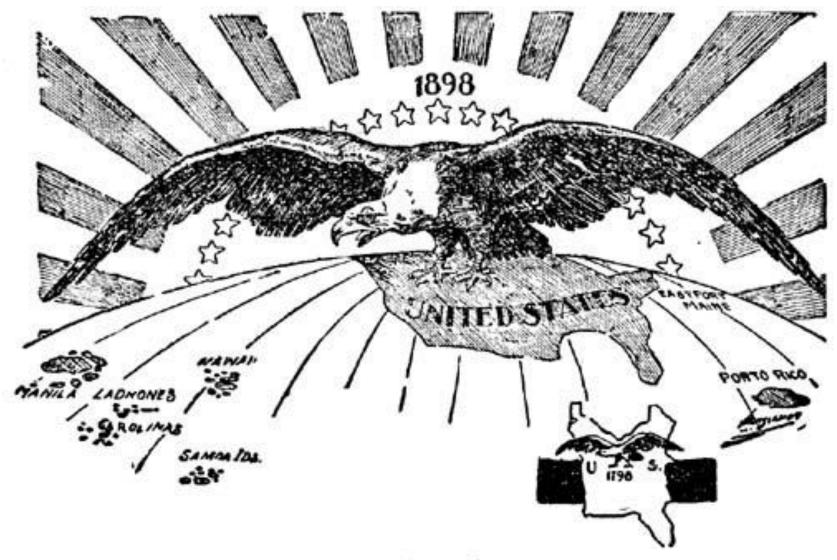
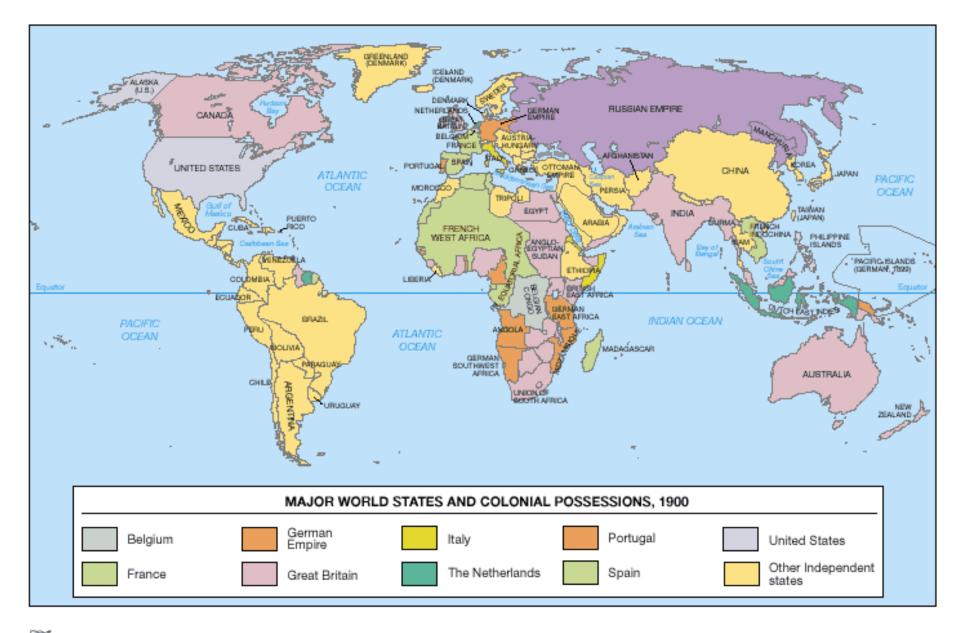


By Thomas Nast, Harper's Weekly, 1885





Ten thousand miles from tip to tip.-Philadelphia Press.



World Colonial Holdings, ca. 1914. The European powers, great and small, competed with each other for world empires and world influence by 1900.

Spanish American War 1898

A Newspaperman's War

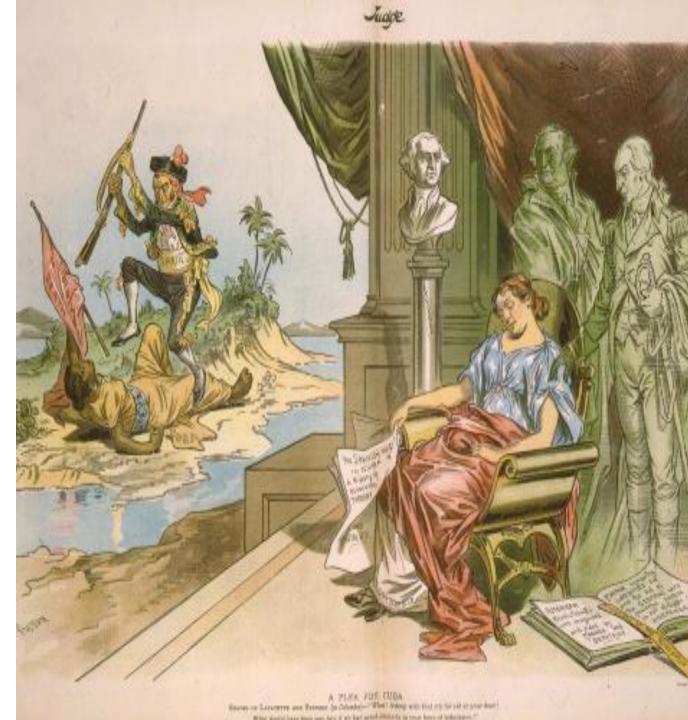
Aim: Why did the United States go to war with Spain in 1898?

Historical Context-1898

- Americans had long been interested in the Spanish colony of Cuba.
- Spain denied the Cubans civil liberties and political rights, levied high taxes, restricted foreign trade and ruthlessly suppressed rebellions



- Who is this woman? What does she represent?
- 2. What do you think is happening on the island?
- What message is the cartoonist conveying?



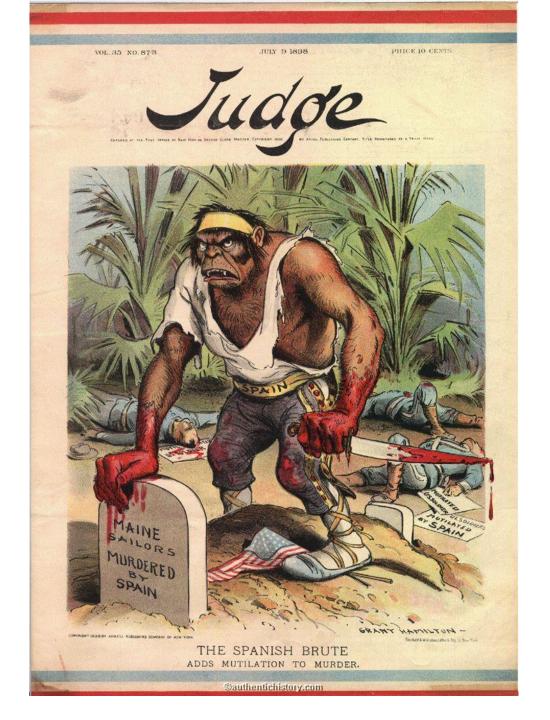


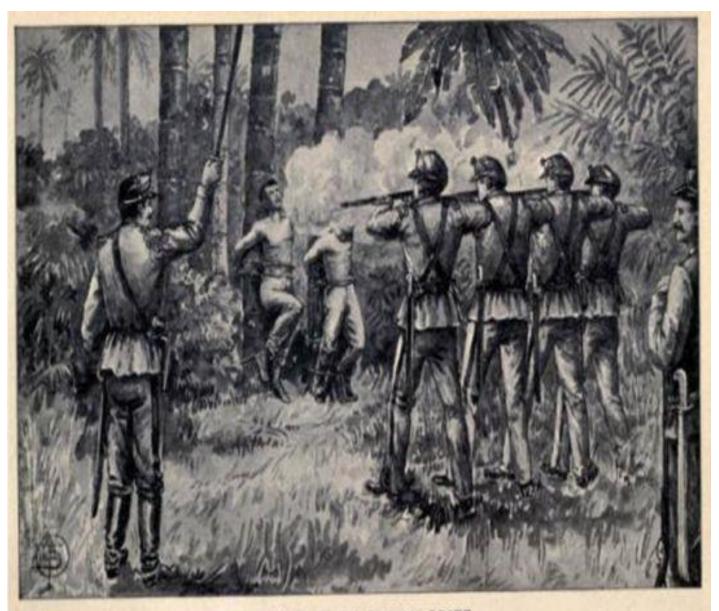
War

- **Underlying Causes**: ongoing issue
- Immediate Cause: specific events

Causes of Spanish-American War

- Cuban Revolution
 - Americans sympathized with rebels seen as similar struggle to American Revolution
- Yellow Journalism
 - "You Furnish the pictures and I'll furnish the war." –
 - Reports on Spanish atrocities
- U.S. Business interests in Cuba sugar plantations – concerned about instability
- IMMEDIATE CAUSE Explosion of the Maine





EXECUTION OF CUBAN SPIES.

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





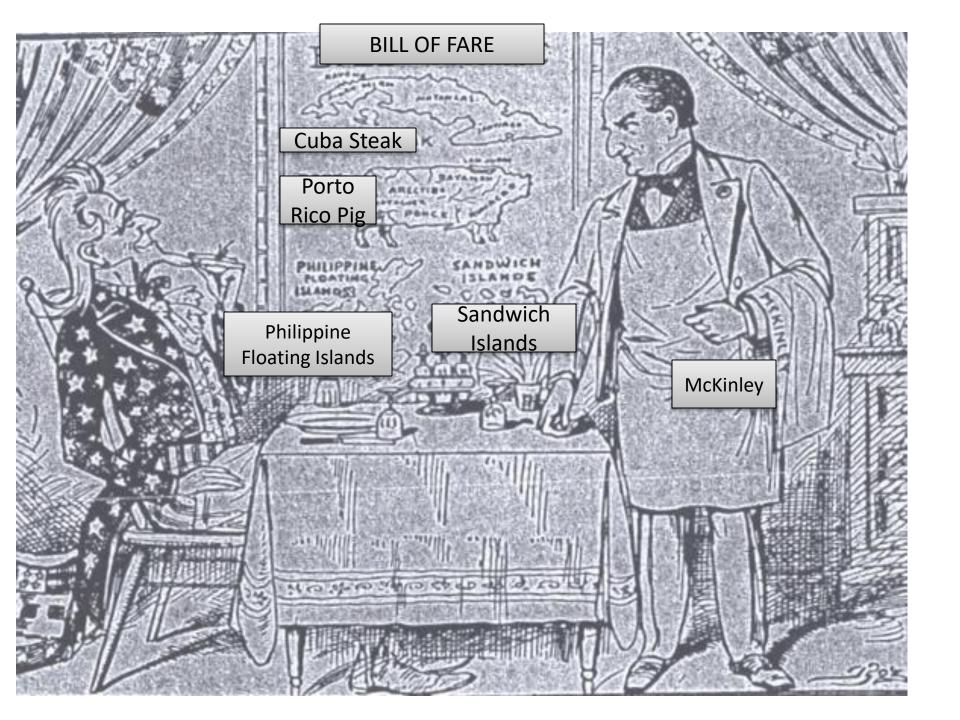


Cuban Sugar Plantation



"A Splendid Little War" - John Hay, Sec. of State

What should the U.S. do now?

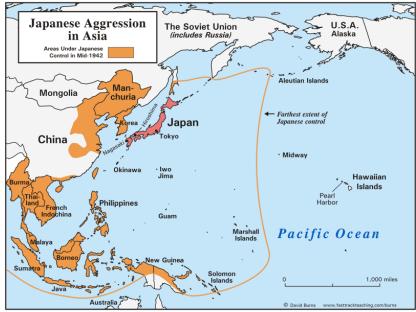


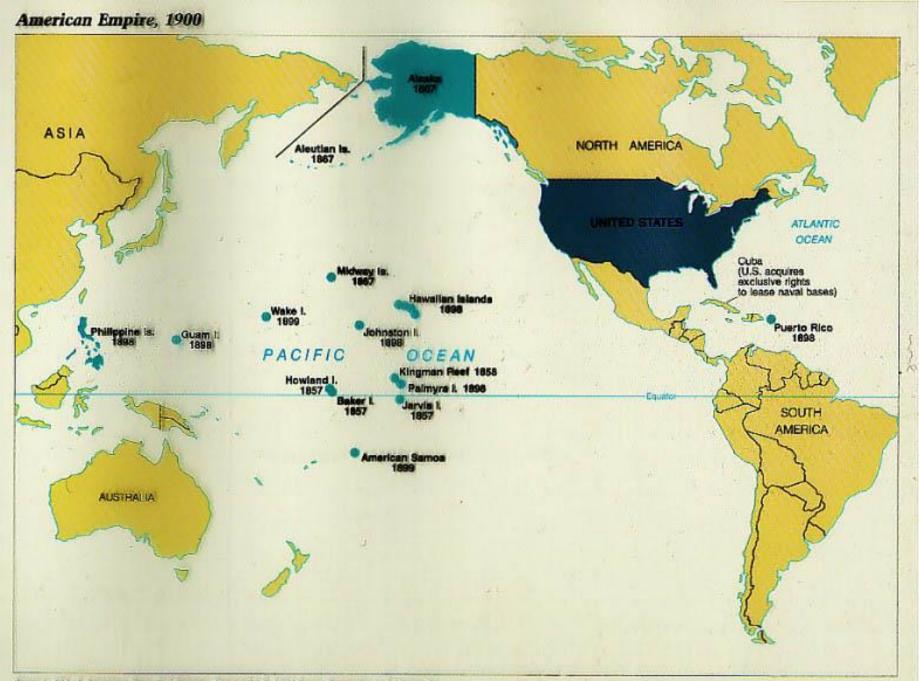
Results of the War

- Cuba
 - Forced to accept <u>Platt</u>
 <u>Amendment</u>
 - Established Protectorate
 - U.S. control foreign policy
 - Could send in military
 - Guantanamo Bay

- Treaty of Paris (1898) U.S.
 Acquired following territories
 - Puerto Rico
 - Guam
 - Philippines







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Philippines Debate

For Annexation

- Rivalries with other countries
- White Man's Burden "Fit for self government"
- Potential business interests
- Foothold in Asia to exercise more influence

Against

- Who Anti-Imperialist League (Mark Twain – VP), William Jennings Bryan
- Why?
 - Countries need to learn democracy through experience – can't be imposed
 - Inconsistent with Principles of Dec. of Independence and self-determination
 - Would eventually bring US into conflict with Japan