• Examine and discuss the key events of the Spanish-American War and the postwar U.S. emergence as an imperialist power.

To which countries did the U.S. export the least from 1890-1910?

U.S. Expansionism in the 1800’s.

Remember our Dream?

• Manifest Destiny
  – We are a superior people, we deserve it!
  – the right to control NA from “Sea to Sea”
  – Civil War interrupted expansionism for a short while

Our Focus Now...

• World Expansionism
  – Alfred T. Mahan
    • Back: The Influence of Sea Power On History
    • Tells of great nations, with great legacy’s all due to one factor - NAVY
    – We must secure & protect our foreign interest…But How?
    – Leads to improved, enlarged, and more powerful NAVY

U.S. Expansionism in the 1800s

• New Manifest Destiny
  – Takes on a new INTERNATIONAL focus.
  – Increase glory & prestige not only from “Sea to Shining Sea”, but around the world.
  – Spread democracy and Christian values
Revolution in Cuba

• Trouble Brewing in Cuba
  – #1 Rule of real-estate…
  – Location, Location, Location
  – 90 miles off Florida
  – What happens if something goes on in Cuba we don’t like?
  – How does this effect our new mission of prestige & power?
  – Cuba has been struggling for independence from Spain
  – Slavery & oppression
  – Disease & Starvation
  – US interest in Cuba…
  – We identified with plight

• Geographically…
  – a natural extension of the US

Jose Martí
– Cuban expatiate, writer and poet
– Wanted independence
– Gathered arms, $, and men in New York to fight Spanish

• The Revolution begins
– Marti burns fields, destroys mills and begins the fight against the Spanish soldiers
– What do you think the people (citizens of the US) are thinking when this starts?

The Main Incident

• The US Gets Involved…Kinda
  – Spanish government opposes reforms asked by the US
  – Pres. McKinley orders in USS Maine for protection of “US lives and interest on the island.”
  – February 1898, the ships is rocked by an explosion
  – 31 officers, and 343 servicemen were killed immediately (374)

• The Mystery of the Maine
  – Newspapers the very next day…Revenge! Bomb? Torpedo?
  – Investigation?…an underwater mine caused the explosion
  – Although there was no direct finger pointing, it was evident that the newspaper were blaming Spain
  – Americans had already made their mind up…Spain
  – 1976 study…faulty boiler…ay carumba!
Yellow Journalism Pushes the US Toward War

- **Yellow Journalist Push for Military Action**
  - Plethora of sensationalist articles
  - Little attention to details
  - Meant to stir up emotions
  - "Spanish feeding Cuban prisoners to the sharks!"
  - "You furnish the pictures and I'll furnish the war."
  - "Remember the Maine, To Hell with Spain!"
  - William Randolph Hearst — New York Journal
  - "Blood on the roadways, blood in the fields, blood on the doorsteps, blood, blood, blood!"
  - Joseph Pulitzer — New York World

- These guys were seeking to gain new readers & boost circulation ($$$)
  - They fabricated stories of Spanish cruelty

The Outbreak of War in the Philippines

- **War in the Philippines**
  - Prior to Cuba
  - Sec Navy (Roosevelt) sent George Dewey w/6 ships to invade
  - In 7 hours, US destroyed the Spanish forces (10 ships)

- **The Storming of Manila**
  - US ousts Spain from Manila w/ help from Emilio Aguinaldo
    - Filipino revolutionary
    - Unsuccessful vs. Spain
  - Aguinaldo helped b/c he thought the US would give the Philippines independence...WRONG
    - Why don't we give him the Philippines?

The War Moves to Cuba

- **US Troops Land in Cuba**
  - July 1898 17,000 troops land

- **The Rough Riders**
  - Teddy Roosevelt
  - Cowboys, college students, ex-polo players
  - Recruited in a San Antonio bar
  - Also "Teddy's Terrors"  
    - undisciplined
    - not always effective
    - loved by the press
    - spirited and determined
    - demoralized the Spanish forces
The United States Defeats Spain

- African Americans in the War
  - Role ignored by press
  - US Army was segregated
  - The 9th and 10th Cavaleries opened the way for the Rough Riders to route the Spanish

- Defeating the Spanish
  - Battle at San Juan Hill
    - first major battle, Santiago
    - also the last
    - Navy destroyed the rest

- The War’s Toll on the Soldiers
  - “Splendid little war”
    - 385 killed in action
    - Over 2,000 died from TAINTED MEAT and another 3,000 total died of disease that totaled over 5,000

The United States Emerges as an Imperialist Power

- The “Splendid Little War”
  - Treaty of Paris
    - Spain granted independence to Cuba
    - Ceded Puerto Rico, Guam, Philippines to the US for $20 million
    - 100,000 square miles
    - 10 million people to sell widgets to

- Continuing US influence in Cuba
  - Cuba left in chaos
  - McKinley established military government
  - Platt Amendment
    - US establish Military Bases (Guantanamo Bay, Cuba)

- The Philippines Becomes a US Colony
  - Filipinos “unfit for self-government”
  - McKinley…
    - educate and Christianize
    - already Christian
    - wanted INDEPENDENCE
    - 3-year revolt led by Aguinaldo

- The US emerges a World Power
  - The Eco/Pol consequences of such expansion created a new international role for the US.
  - We can now expand our role over other parts of Asia
U.S. Imperialism in the Early 1900s

Coming Attractions…
- Roosevelt’s “Big Stick”
- Taft’s “Dollar Diplomacy”
- Wilson’s “Moral Diplomacy”