

# America Expands Through Imperialism

imperialism:

**when a country gets more power by taking over other areas of the world**

isolationism

**not getting involved in what's going on in other countries**



Monroe Doctrine (1823)  
**warned European powers to  
stay out of the Americas**

US would stay neutral in disagreements between  
European powers and their colonies

**BUT-** if wars should happen in the Americas  
the US would view these actions as hostile

## Alaska

called "Seward's Folly" after William Seward, Secretary of State for Lincoln and Johnson

**the US bought Alaska from Russia in 1867**

\$7.2 million (<2/acre)

Alaska ended up being worth much more than what the US had paid for it!



## Hawaii

Hawaii was ruled by a **monarchy**

in 1887 **Sanford Dole** and other local Hawaiian  
businessmen, sugar planters, and politicians took over

they wrote a new Constitution for the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1887,  
which limited voting rights to

**wealthy, literate men**

of Hawaiian, European, or American descent (not native Hawaiians)

this made it so that the wealthy were running everything





## Queen Liliuokalani

as Queen of Hawaii, she tried to take back the government from the American businessmen (but failed)

in January of 1893 a group of Americans and Europeans deposed the Queen (**removed her as Queen**) and asked to become a state in the US, or asked for **annexation**

On July 4, 1894, the Republic of Hawaii was created, ruled by new President Sanford Dole



March 1897: President William McKinley agreed to a treaty of annexation

but the Senate **did not approve** the treaty because the islanders did not want it

the US finally annexed Hawaii in July, 1898 as an official territory of the US (the Territory of Hawaii)

## The Spanish-American War (1898)

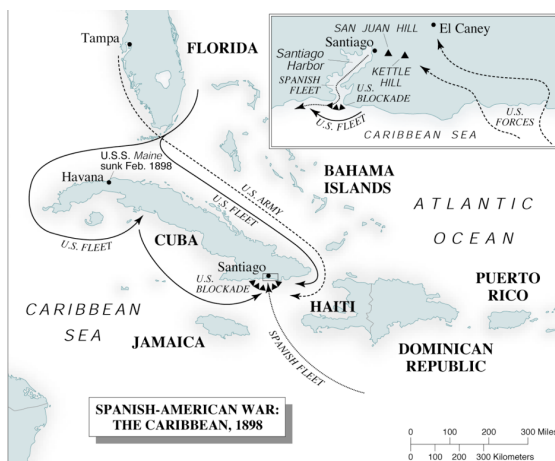
Cuba was a colony of Spain

Cuban “**insurrectos**” wanted independence

they revolted against Spain in 1895, burning many sugar plantations

Spain sent Gen. Valeriano “**Butcher**” Weyler to stop the revolt

he cracked down on the rebels and put them in prison camps called “**reconcentrados**” where many people died from disease



American newspapers loved the Cuban revolution - it sold papers!

they wrote stories that news that exploited, distorted, and/or exaggerated the information to attract readers, known as **yellow journalism**

Butcher Weyler's activities only made the storylines juicier - and more papers were bought

# The Spanish-American War

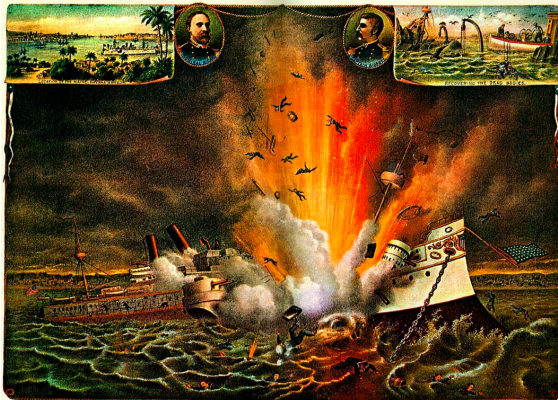
(1898)

Dupuy de Lôme, the the Spanish ambassador to America, wrote a letter to his boss in Spain

that said unflattering things about US President McKinley

Cubans who wanted the US to help them in their revolution intercepted the letter and gave it to the New York Journal, which published it - Americans were MAD!

this was known as the de Lôme letter



the USS Maine was anchored in Havana, Cuba on February 15, 1898, it exploded, killing 260 crew members

the press exploded into anti-Spanish sentiment the public blamed Spain

“ Remember the Maine! ” became the battle cry

America declared war on Spain on April 11, 1898

Congress also passed the Teller Amendment that promised Cuba their independence once the US kicked Spain out



## “ Rough Riders ”

an group of college athletes, cowboys, miners, and law officers led by

## Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt

who bravely charged up San Juan Hill in Cuba



## Platt Amendment (1903)

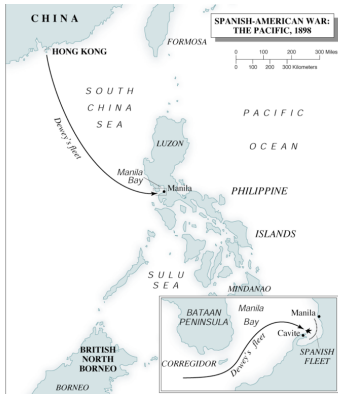
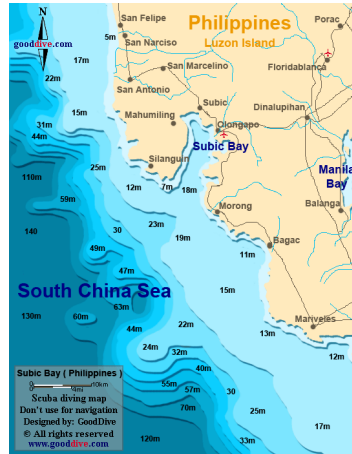
claimed Cuba as a US protectorate : a nation or region controlled by a stronger state  
Cuba could only make treaties with US approval

US can buy or lease naval stations (Gitmo)  
no excessive public debt

US can intervene to protect Cuba or restore order



Hurrah for the fourth of July! We're coming in on independence day celebrations, too.  
 — *Minneapolis Journal*,  
 ¡Que viva el 4 de julio! ¡Ahora vamos festejando...



## Open Door Policy

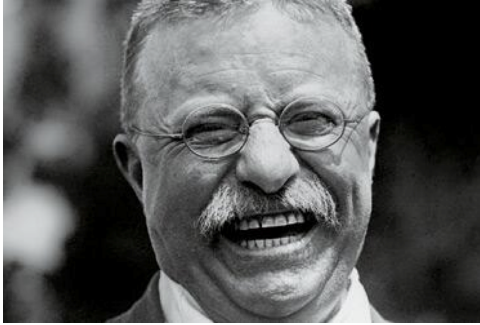
(1899)

created by Sec of State John Hay

called for the preservation of equal trading opportunities for all nations with China



Pearl Harbor, Hawaii



Assistant Secretary of the Navy: April 1897 – May 1898  
 33rd Governor of New York: January 1899 – December 1900  
 25th Vice President of the United States: March 1901 – September 1901  
 26th President of the United States: September 1901 – March 1909

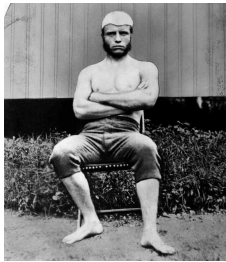
President William McKinley was **shot** and killed in September, 1901  
 Teddy Roosevelt was his Vice President, so he became the new **President**



### Panama Canal

TR wanted the US to build a canal through Central America to cut down on shipping time  
 he tried to buy land in Panama from Colombia but they wouldn't sell any to him  
 (Panama was a colony of Columbia)

since he couldn't buy the land he supported a revolution in Panama and then once they were independent he bought the canal land from the newly-formed government of Panama (1903)



### “Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick”

West African saying coined by President TR

*Panama Canal: commissioned 1904, completed 1914*

