

# The Spanish-American War (1898)

more strain emerged with the de Lôme letter  
Spanish official Dupuy de Lôme wrote a letter that criticized Pres. McKinley



the USS Maine, anchored near Cuba, exploded on February 15, 1898  
260 crew members were killed

press exploded into anti-Spanish sentiment  
the public blamed Spain: “Remember the Maine!” became the battle cry

on April 11, 1898 McKinley gave in to the public demand  
sent a message to Congress asking for war  
Congress happily voted for it

Congress also passed the Teller Amendment  
said the U.S. would give Cuba its freedom after kicking out Spain



“Rough Riders”

an assortment of college athletes, cowboys,  
miners, and law officers led by  
**Theodore Roosevelt**

charged up San Juan Hill in Cuba during  
Spanish-American War



Platt Amendment (1903)

Cuba became a protectorate: a nation or region controlled by a  
stronger state

Cuba could only make treaties with US approval

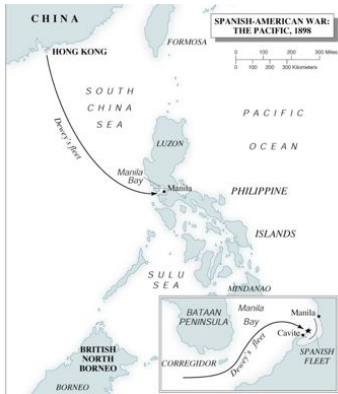
US can buy or lease naval stations (Gitmo)

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 también...



## Open Door Policy

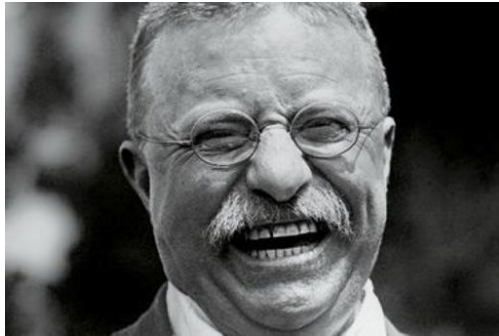
(1899)

created by Sec of State John Hay

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



Pearl Harbor, Hawaii



Election of 1900  
 Democrat William Jennings Bryan v.  
 Republican William McKinley  
 (w/TR as vice)

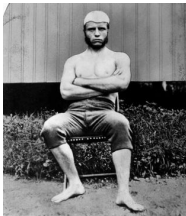
McKinley wins second term but  
**is shot in Sept, 1901**



Assistant Secretary of the Navy  
 April 19, 1897 – May 10, 1898  
 33rd Governor of New York  
 January 1, 1899 – December 31, 1900  
 25th Vice President of the United States  
 March 4, 1901 – September 14, 1901  
 26th President of the United States  
 September 14, 1901 – March 4, 1909

**TR As President  
 Panama Canal**

TR wanted the US to build a canal, tried to buy  
 land from Colombia; denied  
 TR openly supports revolution in Panama, then  
 buys canal land (1903)



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

West African saying coined by President TR

*Panama Canal: commissioned 1904,  
 completed 1914*

