

Directions: Use the chart below to answer the questions that follow.

<u>Causes of the Spanish-American War:</u>	<u>Consequences:</u>
<p>- By the 1890s, Spain’s New World empire had been reduced to a few islands in the Caribbean</p> <p>- In 1894, Cuban sugar workers rebelled from Spain seeking their independence; a Spanish army was sent to Cuba to crush the rebellion with brutal force</p> <p>- Americans felt they had a moral obligation to help Cuba gain independence</p> <p>- <u>Yellow Journalism</u> Publishers like William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer sensationalized news events to sell more newspapers; deliberately distorted the news with Cuba with exaggerated stories of atrocities</p> <p>- The American government wanted to protect American investments in Cuba</p> <p>- The Spanish Ambassador, De Lôme, called President McKinley “weak” in a private letter that was published in the press</p> <p>- <u>The battleship U.S.S. Maine</u> was blown up in Havana harbor, killing 250 American sailors; even though the explosion was probably caused by accidental fire, the press blamed the explosion on Spanish sabotage</p>	<p>- Finding it hard to resist the public outcry, President McKinley asked Congress for a declaration of war against Spain shortly after the <u>explosion of the Maine</u></p> <p>- The Spanish-American War lasted less than four months</p> <p>- American forces quickly overcame the Spanish navy in the <u>Philippines and Spanish troops on Cuba</u></p> <p>- As a result of the war, the United States acquired the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Guam</p> <p>- Cuba became independent in name but fell under the indirect control of the United States</p> <p>- The United States emerged from the war with a colonial empire</p> <p>- American leaders reversed the nation’s traditional policy by becoming imperialist</p> <p>- <u>Imperialism</u> refers to the control of one country by another; often for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Need for raw materials and markets</li> <li>* Strategic Reasons</li> <li>* Nationalism</li> <li>* Attitudes towards other Peoples</li> </ul>

- 1- What had happened to Spain’s empire by the 1890s?  
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- 2- What did Cuban sugar workers do in 1894?  
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- 3- Define Yellow Journalism.  
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- 4- Why did Yellow Journalism change Americans perception of events in Cuba?  
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- 5- What did the American government want to protect in Cuba?  
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- 6- Who was De Lôme and how did he contribute to the outcome of war?  
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- 7- What happened to the battleship U.S.S. Maine?  
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- 8- How did the press portray what happened to the battleship U.S.S. Maine?  
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9- What did President McKinley find hard to resist and why?

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10- How long did the Spanish-American War last?

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11- Why did the United States win the Spanish-American War?

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12- What did the United States gain as a result of the Spanish-American War?

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13- What really happened to Cuba after the Spanish-American War?

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14- How did the United States change after the Spanish-American War?

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15- Define imperialism.

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16- How did imperialism change American history?

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17- What were several reasons for U.S. imperialism?

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