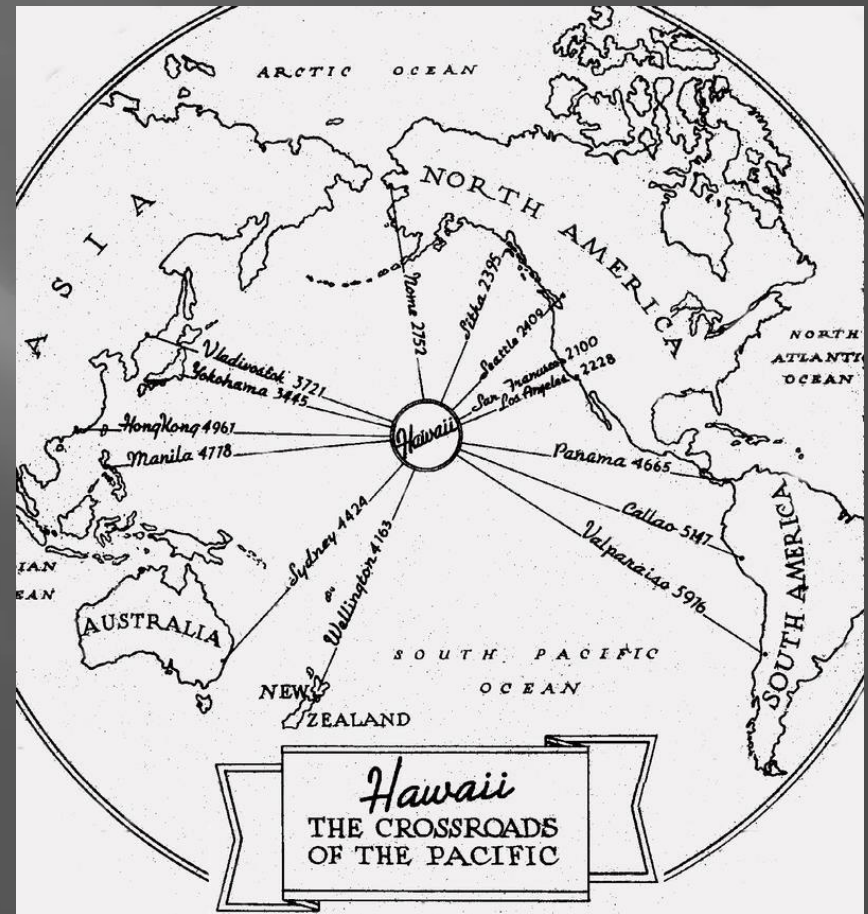


# SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

American Imperialism???

# Provide Evidence to support the following:

- ▣ American foreign policy became increasingly aggressive in the late 1800's and early 1900's.
  - Chile 1891
  - Venezuela Dispute 1895



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# Video Causes

- ▣ Sp. & Am. Clashing over Cuba
- ▣ Nationalism
- ▣ Diminishing Frontier
- ▣ Industrial Expansion
- ▣ Advocates of Strong Navy
- ▣ Press



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List evidence associated with this statement:

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# “A SPLENDID LITTLE WAR”

The SpAm war!

1898

# 1898: A turning point

- ▣ Cubans fight for independence from Spain (1895)
- ▣ Reconcentration (1896)
- ▣ *USS Maine* explodes (Feb. 1898)
- ▣ April 1898: Congress declares war on Spain; adopted the Teller Amendment, saying U.S. would leave control of Cuba to the natives
- ▣ May 1898: Commodore Dewey attacks Manila (Phillipines); destroys enemy fleet but must wait for reinforcements to storm the forts; captures the city in August
- ▣ July 1898: Hawaii is annexed

# Invading Cuba

- ▣ Spain's resources suck
- ▣ America RULES!
  - Invade July 1 1898
  - Rough Riders: TR, volunteers, win in the Battle of San Juan Hill, decisive blow to Spain

Almost 5,500

Americans die (most from disease)



# Treaty of Paris (Again!)

- ▣ Congress Approves Treaty of Paris Feb 1899
  - US gains control of Cuba, PR, Guam, Philippines
  - Pay Spain \$20 million
  - Issue the Platt Amendment: allows U.S. to intervene in Cuba, limits Cuba's power of foreign affairs, gives U.S. base at Guantanamo
    - ▣ Overturned in 1934 Treaty of Relations between US/Cuba

# Dealing with Cuba and PR

- ▣ 1900: Foraker Act establishes limited self-rule in PR. Later granted U.S. citizenship
- ▣ The problem: does the American Constitution have to be upheld in all territories?
  - 1901-1905: Insular Cases; Supreme Court hears cases involving disputes over whether or not citizens in conquered territories were fully protected by the Constitution; ruling held that American rule does not equal American rights

# What to do with our “little brown brothers” in the Philippines

- ▣ Filipinos assume they will be free
- ▣ U.S. wants for commercial/protectionism purposes
- ▣ Feb. 1899: Revolt against U.S. led by Emilio Aguinaldo; crushed by U.S. troops (4,000 Americans, 600,000 Filipinos die)
- ▣ U.S. remains in power until 1946