

Spanish American War

Use your text book to complete the following questions:

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1. What country had been under Spanish control since the time of Columbus' exploration?
Cuba
2. Why did Cuba not like being ruled by Spain?
The Spanish exercised harsh rule.
4. Why did Americans want to help Cuban rebellions?
Because they were sympathetic & for economic reasons to safeguard American interests
5. What was the role of William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer to the Cuban rebellions?
Hearst & Pulitzer focused Yellow Journalism on Cuba which fed American outrage against Spain
6. Why was the battleship, the *Maine*, sent to Havana harbor?
To protect American lives & property.
7. What happened to the *Maine*? How?
The *Maine* was sunk on Feb 15, 1898. by an explosion.
No one knows the cause, however the press & public blame the Spanish

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1. Why did America want to declare war?
for revenge on the *Maine*
2. Where was the first battle of the war fought? What was the outcome?
Manila Bay in the Philippines. The entire Spanish Squadron was destroyed, America did not lose a single ship or life.
3. Why was America fighting a war in a country that was nowhere near Cuba?
To expand U.S. naval power
4. Next, the war's focus moved to Cuba.
5. Theodore Roosevelt was the leader of this unit that fought in Cuba:
Rough Riders
6. What was this unit famous for?
successful charge up San Juan hill
7. After the Spanish surrendered Cuba, U.S. troops invaded Puerto Rico, which was also controlled by Spain.