

1 **The Spanish-American War—1898**

“A splendid, little war”-

Secretary of State John Hay

2 **The Spanish American War**

- Rebellion broke out in Cuba in 1895 seeking independence from Spain.
- Yellow journalism whipped the American public into a hostile frenzy.
 - Hearst
 - Pulitzer

3 **The Spanish American War**

- The battleship *Maine* exploded in Havana harbor in 1898 killing 260 American sailors.
- Most believed at the time that Spain blew up the *Maine*.
- U.S. declared war on Spain.
- Congress declared Cuba independent.

4 **Campaigns**

- Manila (Philippines)
 - Naval battles determined the outcome of the war.
- Havana Harbor (Cuba)
 - U.S. Navy destroyed Spanish fleet in Cuba.
 - T.R.'s “Rough Riders” won the battle of San Juan Hill.

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7 **Key Figures-Philippines**

- Emilio Aguinaldo-Filipino rebel.
 - Fought with the U.S. to defeat the Spanish.
 - Then, fought against the U.S. for a independent Philippines.
- Commodore Dewey- U.S. leader in the Philippines.
 - Defeated the Spanish fleet at Manila Bay and was an instant hero.

8 **Results**

- 5,462 Americans died (379 in battle) Most killed by malaria, typhoid, dysentery, or yellow fever
 - Wool uniforms and diseased, rotten, or poisoned rations.
- War ended less than 4 months after it started:
 - Cuba was given independence w/ Platt Amendment

9 **Key Dates**