

**Imperialism: the control by a powerful nation over an underdeveloped or weaker nation.**

**The Spanish - American War ( 1898 )**

**Causes Of The War:**

**1. Cuba Revolts Against Spanish Rule:**

**A. most Americans sympathized with the Cubans**

**B. Cuba is just off the coast of Florida**

**2. Yellow Journalism:**

**A. sensationalized / exaggerated news reporting of events in Cuba.**

**3. American interest in colonial possessions:**

***Why establish colonies??***

**- new markets for American goods**

**- sources of raw materials**

**- opportunities for capital investments**

**- military bases**

**A. The United States knew that Spain was a fading world**

**power that could be easily defeated.**

**4. Sinking of the battleship "Maine":**

**A. the battleship Maine exploded in Cuba**

**B. over 260 American sailors died**

**C. the U.S. blamed the Spanish for the incident**

**Results Of The Spanish-American War:**

**1. Spain loses Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the**

**Philippines.**

**2. The United States emerges as a world power.**