**Spanish-American War, 1898**

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| **Advantages & Disadvantages** | **Leaders** |
| **USA**   * Rising empire * Industrialization – expansion of markets and need for raw materials * Close proximity to Cuba   **Spain**   * Declining empire * Rebellious populations in Cuba & Philippines | **USA**  **Civilian:** William McKinley  **Military:** Theodore Roosevelt, Commodore George Dewey  **Spain**  **Civilian:** Alfonso XIII  **Military:** Valeriano Weyler (general who instituted “reconcentration” policy) |
| **Causes** | **Strategies** |
| **Long Term**   * Manifest Destiny & Monroe Doctrine * Sympathy for Cuban rebels under brutal “reconcentration” policy * US investment in and trade with Cuba * de Lome letter * Yellow journalism (Hearst & Pulitzer) * Nationalism/jingoism   **Short Term/”Spark”**   * Explosion of *USS Maine* * “Remember the *Maine*, to hell with Spain!” | **USA**   * Blockade Cuba & quickly destroy Spanish fleet at Manila * Use army to capture Spanish territory * Alliance with Filipino & Cuban rebels   **Spain**   * n/a * Spain was quickly defeated |
| **Turning Points** | **Homefront** |
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| **Treaty** | **Non-Treaty Results** |
| **Name:** Treaty of Paris  **Date:** 1898  **Terms:**   * Spain lost its empire * U.S. gained Philippines, Guam & Puerto Rico * U.S. paid Spain $20 million | * “Splendid little war” – short in duration, few American casualties, military unity after divisions of the Civil War * Filipino-American War, 1899-1902 * Cuba became U.S. protectorate under the Platt Amendment * U.S. naval bases: Manila, Guantanamo * Hawaii was annexed during war due to importance of Pearl Harbor to U.S. navy |