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U.S.History II

Spanish-American War

The United States got involved in war with the Spanish due to the fact our interests were being taken advantage of and the concentration camps that the Cubans were being forced into by General Valeriano Weyler, had deplorable conditions placing peoples lives in jeopardy. President William McKinley ordered the USS Maine; a second class battleship the largest ship to ever enter the Havana Habor. Maine entered the harbor on January 25, 1898. The USS Maine was sunk on February 15, 1898, killing 266 sailors. The American press pinned the ships sinking on the Spanish blowing it up. Making up newspaper stories stirring everyone’s emotions. William Randall Hearst was an American Publisher makes sure to write many articles to sell newspapers many containing untrue statements.

Charles Sigsbee, Captain of the USS Maine, had abandoned ship of the explosion. Theodore Rosevelt- Assistant Secretary of the Navy supported the war. The war was declared on April 25, 1898. United States gained a rise in imperial power from this war. August 12, 1898, The United States and Spain signs Protocol of Peace ending the war. Major General Fitzhugh Lee served in the U.S. Army and as governor of Havana and Pinar del Río. The Treaty of Paris signed December 10, 1898, ensured the United States to have control over Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines.

I do believe the Unites States involvement in the Spanish – American war was necessary. We are a powerful country and need to set boundaries, fight for our interest protecting our citizens and those from other countries when we can. Building a stronger United States is necessary to protect out people.

The Overthrow of Hawaii 1893

Coup Detat led by American and European businessmen. Descendants support of U.S. Marines to depose Queen Liliuokalani. Coup was illegally confirmed by U.S. investigator by groups to diminish the monarchy ‘s power for tariff free sugar exports to U.S. Coup 01/17/1893 Island of Ochu.1898 the Insurgents established republic of Hawaii goal was Annexation of Islands to the U.S.

The only benefit I can see is sugar is tariff free.

1795 to 1872 Kamehameha Dynasty regains monarchy of Hawaii Kingdom.1874 was the death of Kamehameha V and Lunalilo. 07/06/1846 U.S. Secretary of State, John C. Calhoun formally recognized Hawaii’s independent reign of Kamehameha III. This resulted in Hawaiian kingdom entering treaties with major nations of the world. Established over 90 legacies and consulates in multiple seaports and cities. Since 1778 they were known as a major sugar export thanks to Captain James Cook.

Lorrin Thurston, newspaper publisher, Henry E. Cooper an American Lawyer and The American and European Business class residing In Hawaii were the majority support for the overthrow for the monarchy. Attorney General Arthur P. Peterson repeatedly denied requests for warrants to be issued for arrests. They wanted the kingdom under martial law.

January 17, 1893, native policeman Leialoha was shot and by John Good a revolutionist all because he tried to stop a wagon carrying a load of weapons going to the committee of safety. They now had worries that the shooting would bring out the Government forces and the overthrow would not happen.

It seems to me that it was the right thing to do considering the future happenings. For example, the United States using Hawaii as a Naval Base and staging troops going to battle in the Philippines.