

- The United States buys out many large territories, such as Alaska.
- Foreign trade ramps up
  - Trading overseas is more profitable due to less competition
  - Around 1898, US exports exceed our imports
  - During the Gilded age, exports triple, imports double
  - This continues up until the 1960s
  - Technology supports the possibility
    - \* Telegraphic cables for coordination
    - \* Better ships for shipping
- Alfred Thayer Mahan
  - Becomes president of the Naval War College
  - Writes a series of lectures saying that overseas trade is the key
- McKinder
  - Controlling the sea isn't important, controlling Europe is.
- Hawaii
  - A sequence of kings die, leading to David Kalakaua as king of Hawaii.
  - Planter class forces Kalakaua to write and accept a constitution (known as the Bayonet Constitution due to the threat of force)
  - 1890 - McKinley Tariff is passed
    - \* Cuts out the exemption for Hawaiian sugar
    - \* Causes Hawaiian economy to tank
  - 1891 - King dies
    - \* His sister becomes monarch of the islands - Lili'uokalani
    - \* Decides that the country has been practically given away to the whites
    - \* Takes measures to reestablish the native population
    - \* Intends to revoke the Bayonet Constitution
    - \* Planters take over the Hawaiian palace.
  - Because entering the United States means no tariff, Hawaii applies to enter the Union
    - \* Lili'uokalani writes to the President Cleveland and said her nation had been taken over and Cleveland sends an investigator
    - \* Finds that it's exactly as she said

- \* However, when asked what will happen to the uprising members, Liliuokalani responds with hanging
  - \* In response to that, Cleveland lets the situation progress.
- Cuba
  - Exemption for Cuban sugar is removed from the tariff
    - \* Not meant to screw Cuba, but it does.
    - \* Then Spain, who had just finished putting down revolt in Cuba, is in a bunch of trouble.
- Yellow Press
  - Havanna incident
  - A US Ship blows up in Havanna Harbor
  - In the eyes of the press, the Spanish planted a mine there.
  - In actuality, it probably blew itself apart.
- Teller Amendment
  - No annexation of Cuba
- Spanish-American War
  - America wins every battle
  - Spain just puts up enough resistance to create American war heroes
  - Spanish surrenders Manila to the United States.