

- Korea is opened by the United States
- Spanish American War
  - After detonation of the Maine (In Havana Harbor), US opinion is in favor of evicting Spain from Cuba
  - McKinley attempts to hold on public opinion, having seen war
  - Yellow press drives into war along with two other events
    - \* McKinley sends an investigator down to see how things are
      - The report is devastating
      - Shows horrible photographs
      - Also reports that the ship was blown up by an external explosion
      - Probably an honest escape
      - Not until much later that it's clear that it might have been an internal explosion
  - US wins every battle
  - War lasts about 100 days
- Imperialism
  - US acquires several “possessions” overseas and massive influence
  - This splits the country and congress into Imperialists and Anti-Imperialists
  - What to do with the possessions?
    - \* Guam and Wake are not really noticed. Put military governors in every now and then.
    - \* Puerto Rico had been promised a better deal by Spain
      - Put in a military governor and built it up
      - More or less accepts the admission into the US
      - Not technically US citizens
      - Nonvoting representative in congress
      - All US laws apply to Puerto Rico
      - Leads to court cases - does the tariff apply?
      - Insular cases
      - Rules that the Puerto Ricans don't quite have all the rights of citizens
      - 1917 when WWI has broken out, the Jones Act makes them citizens
      - Organized territory of the United States
    - \* Platt Amendment

- Sort of rejects the Teller Amendment
- \* Taft report
  - Should set up an indigenous government in the Philippines while pouring in infrastructural support
  - The US will follow this tactic.
  - Will eventually move Philippines to full independence.