Spanish-American War, 1898

* US intervened in Cuban war for independence from Spain after the US battleship Maine sank in Havana harbor
* Teller Amendment stated that US had no plans to annex Cuba after the war
* After the Spanish were defeated, US forced Cuba into signing Platt Amendment which authorized US intervention in Cuban affairs and provided a naval base at Guantanamo Bay.

US Empire Expands

* US extends control over former Spanish territories of Puerto Rico and Guam
* Hawaii was also annexed in 1898
* Open Door Policy: Demanded access for US exports in Asia
* The Philippines resisted US domination resulting in war from 1899-1903
* 100,000 Filipinos were killed during the war including many civilians who died when whole villages were burned.\