



4.3.2 Practice: Imperialism Case Study: The Philippines

Practice Assignment

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I. What to Do

The U.S. government's decision to maintain control of the Philippines caused a considerable amount of controversy in the United States.

Read the statements by American politicians opposing and supporting the annexation of the Philippines. Then use the Writing Generator to construct a three-paragraph letter to the editor supporting or opposing annexation.

Dear Editor,

Annexing the ~~Philippines~~ Philippines would turn the United States into an empire, something that is fundamentally incompatible with a republic. Additionally, as time has shown again and again, empires are not maintainable in the long-term.

As William Jennings Bryan, a democratic presidential candidate in 1896 and 1900, said in his stump speeches during his 1900 campaign, "A republic cannot be an empire, for a republic rests upon the theory that the government derive their powers from the consent of the governed and colonialism violates this theory." Annexing the Philippines would undermine what the United States is built on. Further, it would make the rest of the world question the motivations

of the United States.

As Emilio Aguinaldo, the president of the Independent Philippine Republic, writes, "... all my efforts have been useless against the measureless pride of the American government." The injustices committed against the Philippine peoples by the U.S. army have premeditated the ~~war~~ atrocities to come, if the United States annexes the Philippines.

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