

THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

What do you know about the Spanish American War?

In the late 1800's, Spain's empire controlled many colonies. Some of the citizens in these colonies said that they were being treated badly.

The United States was worried about the way the Cuban people were being treated by Spain, but President Cleveland was not ready to go to war. Many newspapers wrote articles that exaggerated the situation in Cuba. These articles made many Americans think that Cubans were being treated worse than they were. This is why some Americans wanted the United States to help Cuba. When the U.S. was attacked in **Havana Harbor**, they decided to send aid to help Cuba become independent from Spain. The U. S. government said that they would withdraw from the Cuba after Cuba was free from Spain.



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The United States fought Spain in Cuba for a short period of time. When the Spanish American War ended, Cuba was independent from Spain and the Spanish empire had lost a great deal of power. However, the United States did not pull out of Cuba and bought control of the **Philippines**.