

## 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. Spain's empire had lost a great deal of power. However, the United States did not pull out of Cuba and bought control of the **Philippines**.



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