

Unit 6 American Imperialism & WWI Review Guide

1. What is yellow journalism? Give an example of yellow journalism that helped start the Spanish-American War.

Exaggerated news stories meant to sell papers. The Sinking of the Maine and blaming Spain helped start this war.

2. What were 2 other causes of the Spanish American War?

American desire for navy bases, growing American power and knowing we could beat them.

3. What are 3 effects of the Spanish American War?

We freed Cuba, gained control of Puerto Rico & the Philippines and we showed we were a military power in the Americas.

4. Why did the US seek the Open Door Policy in China?

We wanted to open up trade in China and get involved in the action.

5. How does the Roosevelt Corollary relate to the Monroe Doctrine?

It added muscle to it. The Big Stick Policy, keep out of our half of the world!

6. Why was the Panama Canal built?

As a shortcut between both oceans for trade and navy ships.

7. What might be an argument against American Imperialism?

We were infringing on the rights of others.

8. What was the Zimmerman Telegram?

A secret note from Germany to Mexico seeking an alliance against the US in WWI.

- a. How did American public view this document?

They were very upset and it helped build support for the war.

9. What does the Espionage Act of 1914 prohibit?

Speaking out against the US war effort in any way.

- a. What does the Supreme Court case of Schenk v. US say?

It is legal to limit the freedom of speech during times of national crisis.

10. How did WWI impact the US economy?

It helped it grow.

11. What effect did WWI have on African Americans?

The Great Migration, many of them moved north for jobs.

- a. On Woman?

Many worked to support the war effort and won support for the 19th amendment doing so.

12. What was the 14 points?

President Wilson's plan for peace after WWI.

- a. Did it work?

No

- b. Why not?

One reason is the US did not support it because it required we join the League of Nations and give up our individuality and ability to stay out of wars if it was none of our business. (Congress said no)

13. Was the Woman's Suffrage movement a success?

Yes it was, (getting woman the right to vote.)

- a. How do you know?

The 19th Amendment gave them this right.

Theme: Foreign Policy

Spanish American War

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Entering WWI

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