

## *America's Expansion Study Guide*

### *Terms/People:*

*President William McKinley:* President McKinley was the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. He was the president during the Spanish American War of 1898. He played a major role in increasing America's power.

*President Theodore Roosevelt:* President Theodore Roosevelt was the 27<sup>th</sup> President of the United States 1901- 1909. He continued to expand America's power. He was the president when America built the Panama Canal.

*Panama Canal:* A canal located in Panama (Central America) that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. This canal made it easier for large ships.

*Spanish American War:* A war that took place in 1898. It was between Spain and America. The war was fought in Spanish colonies (places that Spain owned) such as Cuba, the Philippines, and Guam. America won the war in only 10 months. The U.S. took control of the Philippines, Guam, and Puerto Rico, and gave Cuba their independence (freedom).

*Great White Fleet:* Ships built by President Roosevelt. These ships were used to show off America's power!

### *Short Answer Questions*

*What started the Spanish American War?*

The United States' battle ship, the USS Maine, was blown up. People in the U.S. got really mad, and it started a war between the U.S. and Spain. Today, many people think that Spanish in fact did not blow the U.S.S. Maine, but at the time that was the common thought.

*How did William McKinley make America more powerful?*

McKinley made America more powerful because he was the President when America won the Spanish - American war. By winning the Spanish American war countries around the world knew that the U.S. was strong!

*How did winning the Spanish-American War help make the U.S. more powerful?*

The Spanish American War made America more powerful because the U.S. won many of Spain's colonies (Spain's land). This included the Philippines, Guam, and Puerto Rico. The U.S. let Cuba have their freedom. With more land, the U.S. became more powerful and rich. In addition, the U.S. beat the Spanish pretty easily. Because the U.S. beat Spain (a super power), other countries started to realize how powerful the U.S. really had become.

*How did big business help make American powerful?*

The U.S. was full of big business such as steel. Steel was used to make anything out of metal. Steel was sold all over the world. Therefore, factories that made things out of steel hired a lot of workers. These workers had money to buy things, which helped the U.S. economy. This made the U.S. really rich and powerful. Many of the inventions of the late 1800s and the early 1900s had the same affect on America.

*How did the Panama Canal help business?*

The Panama Canal helped business by making it easier for businesses and people to trade. People from the East Coast could now trade easily with people from the West Coast and Asia because ships did not have to go around the entire continent of South America. Now, they could just cut through Central America reducing the distance a ship needed to travel. With more trade, the country became richer!

*How did Roosevelt make America more powerful?*

Roosevelt helped the U.S. by building the Panama Canal. In addition, he also let the world know how powerful the U.S. was by building the Great White Fleet, a bunch of battle ships that sailed the oceans showing off America's power. Finally, Roosevelt was the leader of the Rough Riders during the Spanish-American War. He led this group of soldiers to victory.