

## Spanish American War

1. President William McKinley decided to declare war on Spain after a huge explosion sunk the *Maine* in a Cuban harbor. The United States blamed Spain for the explosion.
2. The key events of the Spanish American War were the Battle of San Juan Hill and the Battle of Manila Bay in the Philippines. The Battle of San Juan hill was important because Spanish forces were defeated there. At Manila Bay, American naval forces destroyed the Spanish fleet.
3. Theodore Roosevelt was an important individual during the war because he put together a group of men known as the Rough Riders. The Rough Riders, lead by Theodore Roosevelt, defeated Spanish forces at the Battle of San Juan Hill.
4. The United States' victory in the Spanish American war was significant for several reasons. After the war, the United States was seen as a real world power. Also, the country gained control over the islands of Guam, Philippines, and Puerto Rico.