UNIT 3 - NOTES #3

THE SPANISH - AMERICAN WAR

Mrs. Willis
Desperate to avoid war, Spain works to keep the peace.

Spain gave every concession possible to the United States.

US and Spain agree to a 6 month “cease fire” (even w/o a war on).

Nonetheless, Congress declares war on Spain 11 days later.

And the war begins...
Spain had controlled the Philippines for 400 years.

May 1, 1898 - Admiral George Dewey sails the US Pacific Fleet into Manila.

Spanish fleet is surprised, annihilated.

The US had a major advantage with their modern naval ships.

Naval victory allows US Marines to land on Manila.

Spanish forces surrendered on August 14, 1898.
1898 - US Navy blockades Cuba

7/1/1898 - Battle of San Juan Hill

Teddy Roosevelt and his “Rough Riders” take key strategic position on Day 1 of battle

On Day 2, US Army wins the battle

The win is a KEY victory for US

TR is anointed “Hero of San Juan Hill” although he did little to win it

2 days later, desperate Spanish fleet attempts to break the blockade and is destroyed

Puerto Rico is invaded by US Marines
- When war with Spain broke out, the US recognized Cuba's independence.

1900 - US insists that Cuba add the Platt Amendment to their constitution.

- Cuba couldn't make treaties, limits their self-governance.
- US can lease or buy Cuban land for military bases & freely intervene in Cuba.
- Cuba becomes a US PROTECTORATE (country whose affairs are partially controlled by a stronger power).
THE TREATY OF PARIS (1898)

TREATY THAT ENDED THE SPANISH–AMERICAN WAR AFTER ONLY 16 WEEKS OF FIGHTING

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE TREATY

- Cuba gains INDEPENDENCE, become US PROTECTORATE
- Spain cedes PUERTO RICO & Pacific island of GUAM
- United States pays Spain $20 MILLION for the annexation of the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS as a territory
The Spanish - American War

The Importance of the Effects of the Conflict

Key Consequences

The United States officially becomes a world power. American military power is respected worldwide. Demonstrated the success of Mahan's Plan. American officially gained a worldwide empire w/ territories in the Pacific and the Caribbean.