

Ch. 4.2: Guiding Questions—pg. 183-189

Directions: While reading the text, answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

1. Which crop generated enormous wealth for Spain?
2. Why did the Cuban rebellion collapse?
3. When was the Republic of Cuba established?
4. What caused the United States to be willing to go to war with Spain over Cuba?
5. Explain the concept of 'yellow journalism'.
6. Do you think the US would have gotten involved in this war had it not been for 'yellow journalism'?
7. Why didn't the Cuban rebels want to negotiate with the Spanish?
8. What is a loyalist? (remember those loyalists during the American Revolution)
9. What was one event that was a 'rallying cry' for war against Spain?
10. Why do you think it was important that Congress proclaimed Cuba independent?
11. Which Spanish colonies did the US seize during the war?
12. Why were the Spanish in Cuba ill-prepared for war?
13. Why were the US troops in Cuba ill-prepared for war?
14. Which group of US soldiers helped the cause at San Juan Hill? What was the result?
15. The US decided not to become an imperialist power during the 1890s because, for one reason, they felt it was hypocritical. Why was it then ok for the US to acquire Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines?
16. Why did the debate over annexation spark an intense political debate? Explain both positions.

17. What was President McKinley's perspective towards annexation?
18. What were the terms of the Treaty of Paris, 1898?
19. How did Taft try to appease the Filipinos and prevent them fighting for their independence?
20. How did the Philippines finally gain their independence?
21. Why did Americans consider the war a great success? Do you think the Spanish-American war should be nicknamed "A Splendid Little War?" Why was this war "splendid?"