



Spanish-American War (11.4.2)

Background:

For years Cubans had attempted to remove Spanish rule from their island. In 1898 the United States became increasingly concerned about the event taking place there. After incidents like the destruction of the USS Maine and the De Lome Letter cries for war with Spain became louder and louder.

Prompt:

Why did the US invade Cuba?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Explain what evidence in the documents led you to this conclusion.
- Be certain to cite at least four pieces of evidence from the documents to compare and contrast the sources to determine why the US invaded Cuba.