

The Spanish-American War

Yellow Journalism	circulation battle for readers & each newspaper would print the most sensational stories & pictures about the Cuban revolution - these stories exaggerated & distorted events for emotional effect & money
The de Lome Letter	personal letter written by the Spanish minister to the US was printed in the newspaper & in it, he criticized President McKinley for being "weak," which made it difficult to resist calls for war
Sinking of the Maine	The US battleship <i>Maine</i> exploded & sank in harbor of Havana, Cuba, killing 266 Americans - public blamed Spain & called for war, but explosion later determined to be mechanical failure