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# Crucible for Empire Act III Video Guide (1:23:36)

# *Watch the film and answer the following questions.*

1. Peace negotiations between the United States and Spain began in on October 1st, 1898. No Filipinos or Cubans had been consulted or invited to attend. Their fate lay in the hands of ten American and Spanish delegates.
2. “Insist upon the cession of the *whole* of the Philippines. If necessary, pay to Spain million dollars”--Secretary of State John Hay.
3. Spain accepted the offer and gave up the Philippines and Cuba, in addition to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The 400-year-old Spanish empire, which once included most of the Western Hemisphere, ended with the stroke of a pen. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, signed on December 10th, 1898, required ratification by at least two-thirds of the U.S. Senate.
4. The final vote was scheduled for February 6th,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In Manila, U.S. and Filipino soldiers eyed each other suspiciously across a neutral divide. Just two days before the final Senate vote, a U.S. Army private on patrol spotted two Filipino soldiers crossing the San Juan Bridge to American lines. He shouted for the soldiers to halt.
5. Two Democrats switched sides, and the Senate narrowly ratified the Treaty. The United States officially acquired its first colonies, and its first colonial rebellion. U.S. soldiers and 700 Filipinos had been killed.
6. Cubans gained faith in the United States when it began extensive programs to improve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the island.
7. Electricity was introduced. The telegraph was expanded. The railroads were repaired and cleaned up. Swamps were drained. \_\_\_\_ were paved so that you wouldn’t have standing water. And in fact, this made a tremendous difference among the population of Cuba.
8. In August 1899, the U.S. commander in Manila requested 60,000 reinforcements, quadrupling the size of U.S. forces in the Philippines. Aguinaldo ordered his officers to begin a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. “The way the fighting went on was just utterly alien to the American kids in the beginning of the 20th century in the Philippines just as it was to the American kids in the late 1960s in Vietnam. And whenever you send an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- or a nineteen-year-old out into the world and give him a gun and tell him to go and kill the enemy and hate the enemy, you, you’re—you’re gonna have problems. You’re gonna have the kind of thing that happened at Wounded Knee, or the kind of thing that happened in the Philippines with the American troops torturing their prisoners in the most you- don’t-want-to-ever-even-think-about-it ways.”—Stephen Ambrose
10. One of the first acts of McKinley’s new administration was to offer Cuba limited self-government. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , introduced by Connecticut Senator Orville Platt, made Cuba a U.S. protectorate. The United States could intervene in Cuba’s affairs and establish a naval base at Guantánamo Bay.
11. The Amendment was the American guarantee that Cuba would remain American. It undermined any attempt on the Cubans to be autonomous.
12. Ten days after President McKinley’s death, the residents of Balangiga, a tiny village 400 miles southeast of Manila, attacked the local U.S. garrison. While U.S. soldiers ate breakfast, the church bells rang a signal. Filipinos brandishing machetes emerged from their hiding places. Americans, two-thirds of the garrison, were butchered.
13. In Batangas, a province south of Manila, U.S. officers herded all non-insurgents into fortified zones. Everyone outside these zones was considered an enemy and captured or killed. The similarities to Spanish methods in Cuba were unmistakable. Leading anti-imperialist Senator George Hoar insisted on public hearings to try those responsible for these atrocities. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Army officers, including General Jacob Smith, were court-martialed.

# EPILOGUE Crucible for Empire Video Guide…(1:49:07)

1. By the end of the war, Americans simply had no stomach for any more colonies. Even Roosevelt himself was forced to conclude that the Americans were not an imperial people. He said that the Philippines had become America’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. In World War II, Japan conquered the Philippines. Sixty-thousand Americans and more than a million Filipinos were killed driving the Japanese from the islands. Soon after, the United States granted the Filipinos their independence. The U.S. military withdrew from Havana in . While the Cubans could govern their day-to-day affairs, the Platt Amendment allowed the United States to intervene whenever its interests were threatened; the first time was in 1906.
3. Cuba was given its independence in , but the United States remained a powerful influence in the island’s affairs. Resentment in Cuba grew, culminating in another nationalist revolution. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the son of a Spanish sugar planter, overthrew U.S.-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959. To the Maine memorial in Havana, Castro’s government added an inscription: “to the victims of the Maine who were sacrificed by imperialist greed in its mission to conquer the island of Cuba.”
4. In 1911, the Navy decided that it was not what they wanted to have the Maine on the bottom of Havana harbor with its superstructure sticking up out of the water. And they thought it would be more seemly to re-float the Maine, and take it out to sea and sink it there. And that’s where things stayed until the 1970s when the late Admiral Rickover came up with the conclusion that it was not an external explosion, but that it was probably set off by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the coal bunker. It’s ironic because the explosion set off this series of events and changed us in ways that that could never be reversed.