

Appendix D: America Becomes a World Power
Guidelines for Student Newspapers

Description:

You are a newspaper editor, and you are going to create a newspaper covering the Cuban War for Independence and the Spanish-American War. The first thing you need to do is name your newspaper. Be sure to date your paper and include your name as editor. You are to create articles, editorials, political cartoons, and illustrations about the material presented in class. You are to express the views of the time period and write like the journalists of that time did. Use your imagination and be creative.

Requirements:

1. Your newspaper must include all assignments for the newspaper specified in class.
2. You must have a rough draft in pencil. Your final copy must be in ink and printed. Any pictures/cartoons must be in pencil and may be colored with colored pencils.
3. Your newspaper must be neatly written or typed.
4. Your newspaper must be completed and turned in on the due date.
5. Your newspaper may also include other parts of a newspaper not assigned, such as a classified section, sports, comics, advertisements, etc. (Extra Credit)
6. Each article must have a title. The title should be short and to the point.
7. The articles should have eight or more sentences, and should be interesting, informative, and based on facts. However, you are also writing during a time period when "yellow journalism" was prominent. Each paragraph should begin with a topic sentence and end with a conclusion. Good news articles answer the questions: who?, what?, when?, why?, and how?.

Remember:

1. Rough copy in pencil
2. Get it approved by teacher
3. Go over in fine black felt pen or in ink, if not typed
4. Erase pencil lines
5. **Must be completed and turned in on:** _____.

Newspaper Content Requirements



- **SCORING RUBRIC:**
- 1) Name and Date of your newspaper, your name as editor- 10 PTS
- 2) Investigative article on explosion of the *Maine* – 10 PTS
- 3) Your own political cartoon on Cuban War – 10 PTS
- 4) Obituary on Jose Marti' or another revolutionary! – 10 PTS
- 5) Editorial on Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders – 10 PTS
- 6) Hand-drawn OR computer generated map of major naval battles in both the Caribbean and Pacific - 10 PTS
- 7) Eyewitness report on a major battle, such as the Battle of San Juan Hill or the Battle of Manilla Bay – 10 PTS
- 8) Article on Treaty of Paris (ended Spanish-American War) – 10 PTS
- 9) Letter to Editor from the Philippines: Should the United States annex the Philippines? – 10 PTS
- 10) 10 PTS EXTRA CREDIT – Other news, images sports and fashion of the day.

