

## EXTRA CREDIT: PRO-IMPERIALIST NEWSPAPER

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**DATE:** February 17, 1898

**ASSIGNMENT:**

- You will be designing a newspaper for either the *New York Journal* or the *New York World*.
- Goal: Using yellow journalism, convince Americans that the United States must become an imperialist nation.
- Your paper must include at least **four** separate articles that deal with the following topics:
  - White Man's Burden
  - Humanitarian Reasons for expansion
  - Economic Benefits of expansion
  - Military advantages for imperialism
- You also must include **one** "Letter to the Editor" that criticizes the United States for wanting to be an imperialist nation. Some suggestions you may wish to include are William Jennings Bryan, Mark Twain, or Jane Addams.
- Finally, you must choose **one** of the following:
  - Option 1: Write an interview with a "jingoist" politician. Some suggestions you may wish to consider include President William McKinley, Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt, or Secretary of State John Hay.

**OR**

Option 2: Write a faux book review for Alfred Thayer Mahan's The Interest of America in Sea Power, Present and Future.

**KEEP IN MIND:**

- ❖ Refer to the following textbook pages:

Enduring Vision : pages 629 – 639; 677 – 683

- ❖ As a reporter for a major newspaper, your goal is to write articles that people want to read.
- ❖ Use the yellow journalistic style that Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst employed to attract readers.
- ❖ You may also want to include pictures downloaded from the internet.

**DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_