

The United States emerged as a world power as a result of victory over Spain in the Spanish American War.

Reasons for the Spanish American War:

Protection of American business interests in Cuba

American support of Cuban rebels to gain independence from Spain

Rising tensions as a result of the sinking of the U.S.S. Maine in Havana Harbor

Exaggerated news reports of events (Yellow Journalism)

Results of the Spanish American War:

The United States emerged as a world power.

Cuba gained independence from Spain.

The United States gained possession of the Philippines, Guam, and Puerto Rico



The student will demonstrate knowledge of the changing role of the United States from the late nineteenth century through World War I by
a) explaining the reasons for and results of the Spanish American War.