

Time Period:

Topic Sentence: the spanish american war was an example of conflict the united states should have stayed out of because it was driven by racism and money

Source 1: anti-imperialist league

Quote/Evidence:

"we propose to contribute to the defeat of any person or party that stands for the forcible subjugation of any people."

Source 2: Rudyard Kipling "White Man's Burden"

Quote/Evidence: "you new-caught, sullen peoples, half-devil and half-child."

Source 3: platform of the American Anti-Imperialist League

Quote/Evidence: "much as we abhor the war of 'criminal aggression' in the Philippines, greatly as we regret that the blood of the Filipinos is on American hands, we more deeply resent the betrayal of American institutions at home."

Source 4: excerpt, The Cycles of American History, Arthur M. Schlesinger

Quote/Evidence: "the markets of Alaska? of Santo Domingo? of the Danish West Indies? of Samoa? of Puerto Rico? of Guam? of Midway? The Open Door historians must be kidding."

Time Period:

Topic Sentence: The Spanish-American War Was Necessary

Source 1: A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn, Chapter 12.

Quote/Evidence: Senator Henry Cabot Lodge wrote that the U.S. should build the Nicaragua Canal for <sup>interest of commerce</sup> and to protect the canal we should control the Hawaiian Islands.

Source 2: The Cycles of American History, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1999.

Quote/Evidence:

"As one of the great nations of the world, the United States must not fall out of line of march. America needed to expand around the globe like other great nations."

Source 3: From the Historical Record

Quote/Evidence: Senator Knute Nelson from Minnesota wrote that under our duty to God we must protect the Philippine Islands against "anarchy, chaos and confusion".

Source 4: From the Historical Record

Quote/Evidence: Senator Albert Beveridge wrote that the Philippines were "ours. People from the Philippines were not capable of self-government because they have "Savage blood, Oriental blood, Malay blood" which means they are incapable of self-government.

Time Period: World War I: necessary

Topic Sentence:

Entering World War I was necessary.

Source 1:

Document B: Woodrow Wilson Speech #2

Quote/Evidence:

"Property can be paid for; the lives of peaceful & innocent people cannot be. The present German submarine warfare against commerce is a warfare against mankind... Neutrality is no longer feasible or desirable where the peace of the world is involved."

• Woodrow Wilson explains how the sinking of Lusitania by a German <sup>submarine</sup> was an act of war & although he wanted to stay neutral, he needed to protect his people.

Source 2:

US Entry Texts

Quote/Evidence:

The Zimmerman note was a telegram from the German ~~to~~ foreign minister to Mexico that was intercepted by Britain. The telegram was proposed alliance between Germany & Mexico for Mexico to attack America & get their old territory back.

Source 3:

McDougal: results of war 1998

Quote/Evidence:

It had strengthened the US military & gov., the fascist organizations in Europe seized. Entering the war was the cause for over 1 million women to join the work force & contributed to the great migration.

Source 4:

Howard Zinn

Quote/Evidence:

Started lending \$ to Britain & tied our finance to British victory against Germany.

Time Period: World War I

Topic Sentence: America should not have gotten involved in World War I.

Source 1: Zinn entry 1

Quote/Evidence: The U.S. claimed the Lusitania was unarmed, but they were lying. The ship was heavily armed with thousands of shells, cartridges, and cases of small arm ammunition.

Source 2: Norris, George W.

Quote/Evidence: The U.S. loaning money to the Allies caused people to support the war to make sure they pay their debt.

Source 3: Turner, John Kenneth

Quote/Evidence: The war was ordered for the selfish reason of gaining wealth. 21,000 Americans were made millionaires, 29,000 made over 3 billion dollars more than normal.

Source 4: Zinn Howard 1990

Quote/Evidence: Millions of people died in ways related to the war. These people died because the countries of Europe wanted were competing for places like the Middle East, and it wasn't worth the lives lost.

Time Period: WW II

Topic Sentence: The US should not have been involved in WWII

Source 1: Excerpts from testimony of Prof. Charles Beard

Quote/Evidence: Europe & Asia have their own traditions, government, & economy. They also have a violent history. America cannot change those traditions & systems, and it can't provide democracy, rights & provide security for the whole world.

Source 2: George Fielding Eliot, The Ramparts We Watch, 1938

Quote/Evidence: The US has been given land that is far away from warfare & they should not throw that luxury away by joining WWII.  
<sup>danger</sup>

Source 3: Roosevelt, late 1935

Quote/Evidence: "Despite what happens in continents overseas, the United States of America shall and must remain, as long as the Father of our Country prayed that it might remain - untangled and free".

Source 4:

Quote/Evidence:

Time Period: WWII

Topic Sentence: It was Necessary for the US to get involved in WWII

Source 1: Roosevelt, Franklin D. 1882-1945 FDR's Fireside chats

Quote/Evidence: President Roosevelt Argued that America should step in & help in the war rather than bow out like cowards. (Roosevelt, Feb 22, 1942)

Source 2: Dr. Suess Political cartoon

Quote/Evidence:

A very important influencer of that time Dr. Suess illustrates the importance of what was going on in the war. (Dr. Suess collection)

Source 3: Winston Churchill speech

Quote/Evidence:

Winston Churchill spoke about how consequential it will be for everyone, including the USA, if we don't join together to defeat Hitler. (British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, June 1941)

Source 4: Letter from Roosevelt

Quote/Evidence:

In a letter to William Allen White, President Roosevelt writes about how crucial it is for the US to think about the results of Europe & the Far East being taken over. (Roosevelt in a letter to William A. White 1939)