

Time Period: Spanish American War

Topic Sentence: The US should not have gotten involved in the Spanish American war because it was driven by greed and racism

Source 1: Senator Albert Beveridge (from the historical record)

Evidence/Quote: "We are not dealing with Americans or Europeans, we are dealing with Orientals. They are not capable of self government" (Senator Albert Beveridge, Indiana).

Source 2: Railway World

Evidence/Quote: "One way of opening a market is to conquer it"

Source 3: Senator Knute Nelson, Minnesota

Evidence/Quote: "They are as unfit for self government as most people on the face of the earth."

Source 4: Zinn economic reasons

Evidence/Quote: "The ideology of expansion was widespread in the upper circles of military men, politicians, businessmen - and even among some of the leaders of farmers, movements who thought foreign markets would help them."

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Topic Sentence: The United States should have gotten involved in the Spanish-American war in order to expand its economics + power in the region

Source 1:

Spanish-American war evidence pdf

Evidence/Quote:

"One way of opening a market is to conquer it... Already our enterprising merchants are beginning to take possession of the markets which our army and navy have opened to them"

Source 2:

Zinn economic reasons

Evidence/Quote:

"While it was true that in 1898, 40 percent of American products were sold at home, the 10 percent sold abroad amounted to a billion dollars."

Source 3:

Schlesinger reading

Evidence/Quote:

"The great nations," he said, "are rapidly absorbing for their future expansion and their present defense all the waste places of the earth... As one of the great nations of the world, the United States must not fall out of line of march."

Source 4:

Zinn economic reasons

Evidence/Quote:

"In 1885, the steel industry's publication 'Age of Steel' wrote that the internal markets were insufficient and the overproduction of industrial products "should be relieved and prevented in the future by increased foreign trade."

Time Period: WWI / no

Topic Sentence: The US should have stayed out of WWI bec the motives were not substantial.

Source 1: John Kenneth Turner, *Shall It Be Again?* 1922. Print.

Evidence/Quote:

"To what extent was America's war a war for business? Did Woodrow Wilson lead America into war in order to serve the selfish interests of the few... The war created 21,000 new American millionaires and during the war period, 69,000 men made more than three billion dollars over and above their normal income"

Source 2: Zinn, Howard. *A People's History of the United States*. New York: Harper & Row, 1990. Print.

Evidence/Quote:

"Ten million were to die on the battlefields; 20 million were to die of hunger and disease related to the war. And no one since that day has been able to show that the war brought any gain for humanity that would be worth one human life"

Source 3: Zinn... →

Evidence/Quote:

"The United States claimed the Lusitania carried an innocent cargo, and therefore the torpedoing was a monstrous German atrocity. Actually, the Lusitania was heavily armed; it carried 1,248 cases of 3-inch shells, 4927 boxes of cartridges (1,000 rounds in each box), and 2,000 more cases of small-arms ammunition"

Source 4: Zinn... →

Evidence/Quote:

"The advanced capitalist countries of Europe were fighting over boundaries, colonies, spheres of influence; they were competing for Alsace-Lorraine, the Balkans, Africa, the Middle East"

- Didn't affect US much (boat thing reasonable, Ger warned + went into war zone)

Time Period: WWI

Topic Sentence: It was essential for the U.S. to get involved in WWI because of repeated German aggression.

Source 1: Woodrow Wilson speech

Evidence/Quote:

Germans are attacking all ships regardless of who or what it is. World must be made safe for democracy. We don't want to be paid for our sacrifice.

Source 2: Textbook

Evidence/Quote:

When the Germans counter blockaded the Allies they sunk passenger ships which killed Americans giving them reason to protect their own.

Source 3: Textbook

Evidence/Quote:

The British intercepted a German telegram requesting Mexico to declare war on America.

Source 4:

Evidence/Quote:

Time Period: World War II

Topic Sentence: The U.S. should have gotten involved in WWII to preserve freedom and democracy in the world and our involvement would have been inevitable.

Source 1: British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, June 1940

Evidence/Quote:

"But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age..."

Source 2: Roosevelt, fireside chat of September 3, 1939

Evidence/Quote:

"We are forced to realize that every ship that sails the sea, every battle that is fought does affect the American future."

Source 3: Political Cartoon "Ho Hum! No chance of contagion" by Dr. Seuss

Evidence/Quote:

Dr. Seuss depicts that isolationists are foolish in thinking that they can just "sit" there and avoid involvement in war.

The political cartoon shows that just because "America" is in a separate bed next to the sick "Europeans" doesn't mean the U.S. won't get sick. (sickness is contagious)

Source 4: Roosevelt, February 22, 1942

Evidence/Quote:

"Those Americans who believed that we could live under the illusion of isolationism wanted the American eagle to imitate the tactics of the ostrich."

Time Period: WWII

Topic Sentence: The United States should not enter WWII because Europe and Asia wouldn't change & the sea divides the countries.

Source 1: Excerpts from the testimony of Prof. Charles Beard before Congress, debating the Lend-Lease Bill, 1941

Evidence/Quote:

"Can they, by any means @ their disposal, make over Europe & Asia, provide democracy, a bill of rights, and economic security for everybody, everywhere in the world?"

Source 2: George Fielding Elliot, *The Ramparts We Watch*, 1938

Evidence/Quote:

"We have been given a geographical position far removed from dangerous neighbors."

Source 3:

Evidence/Quote:

Source 4:

Evidence/Quote: