

Roosevelt, Lodge, Hearst, and the Rush to Empire: The American Imperialist Expansion in 1898



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In 1898, the United States declared war on Spain, marking the beginning of a new era of American imperialism. This war was the culmination of years of jingoism and yellow journalism, and it was largely orchestrated by three powerful men: Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Cabot Lodge, and William Randolph Hearst.

Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt was a rising star in the Republican Party when the Spanish-American War broke out. He had served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy under President William McKinley, and he was eager to prove

himself in combat. When war was declared, Roosevelt resigned his post and formed a volunteer regiment known as the Rough Riders.

The Rough Riders were a motley crew of cowboys, athletes, and adventurers. They were led by Roosevelt, who proved to be a fearless and inspiring leader. The Rough Riders fought in several key battles of the war, including the Battle of San Juan Hill. Their bravery and determination helped to boost American morale and contributed to the American victory.



Henry Cabot Lodge

Henry Cabot Lodge was a Republican senator from Massachusetts. He was a close friend and advisor to Theodore Roosevelt, and he shared Roosevelt's belief in American imperialism. Lodge was one of the most vocal advocates for war with Spain, and he used his position in the Senate to push for a declaration of war.

After the war, Lodge played a key role in negotiating the Treaty of Paris, which ended the war and gave the United States control of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines. Lodge also served as the first governor of Puerto Rico.



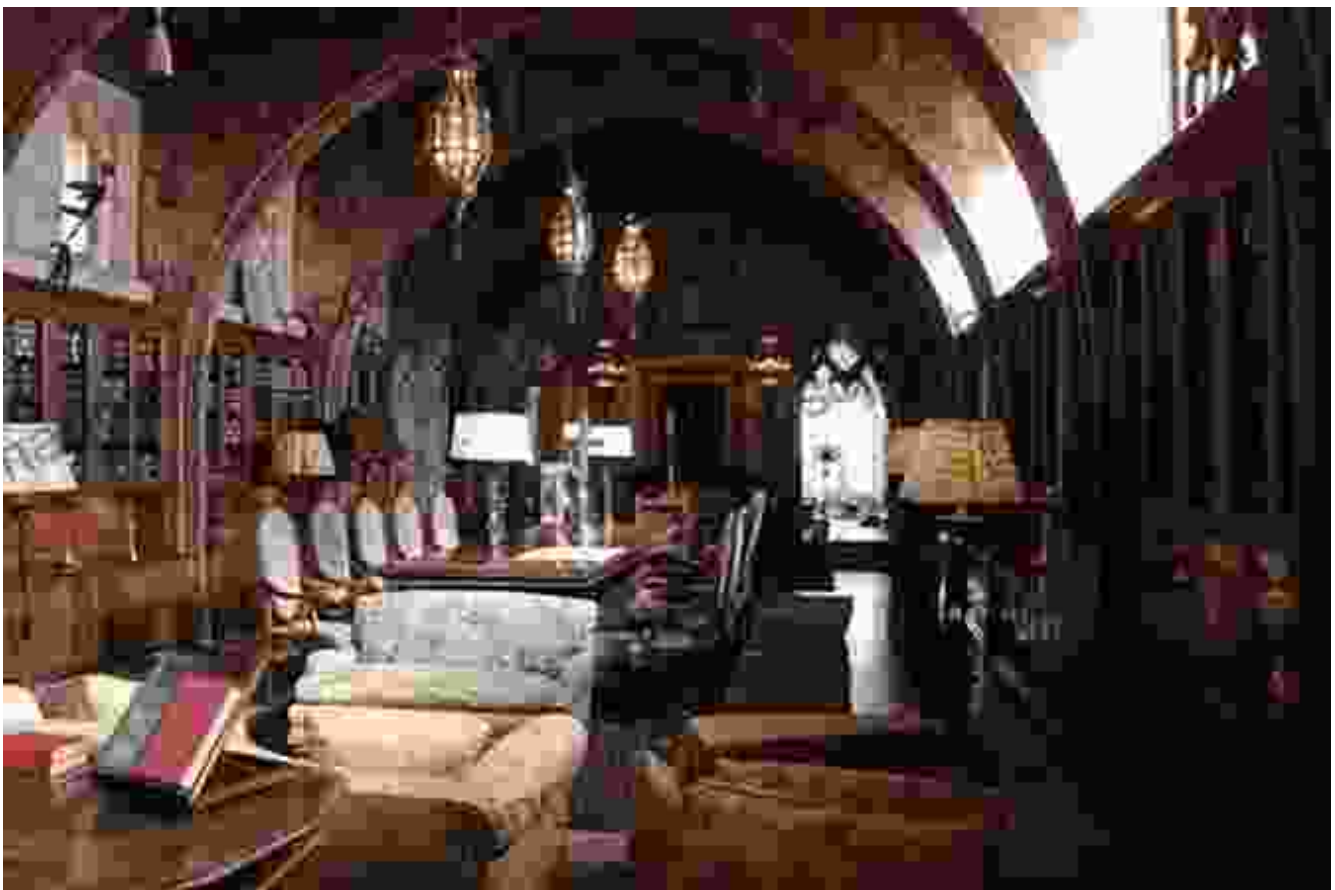
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William Randolph Hearst

William Randolph Hearst was a powerful newspaper publisher who owned the New York Journal and the San Francisco Examiner. He was a master of

yellow journalism, which used sensationalism and exaggeration to sell newspapers. Hearst's newspapers played a major role in whipping up public support for war with Spain.

Hearst's newspapers published a number of false and misleading stories about Spanish atrocities in Cuba. These stories helped to create a climate of fear and hysteria, and they made it easier for the United States to justify going to war.



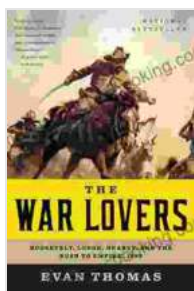
The Spanish-American War

The Spanish-American War was a short but decisive conflict. The United States quickly defeated Spain, and the war ended with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. The treaty gave the United States control of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines.

The Spanish-American War marked the beginning of a new era of American imperialism. The United States had acquired new territories, and it had become a major power in the world. The war also led to a new wave of jingoism and yellow journalism, which would continue to shape American foreign policy for years to come.

The American imperialist expansion of 1898 was a complex event that was shaped by a number of factors. The roles of Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Cabot Lodge, and William Randolph Hearst were all significant, and their actions helped to bring about the Spanish-American War and the subsequent acquisition of new territories by the United States.

The Spanish-American War was a watershed moment in American history. It marked the end of the country's isolationist foreign policy and the beginning of its rise to global power. The war also led to a new wave of jingoism and yellow



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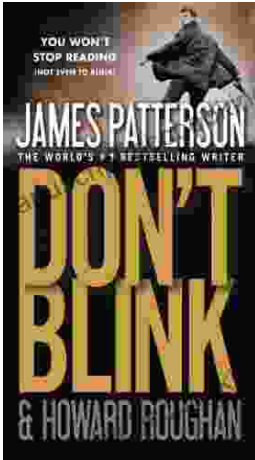
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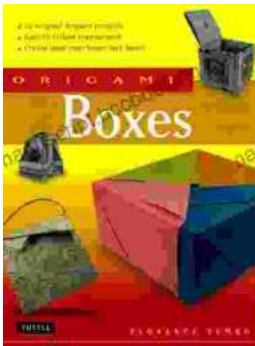
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