

History Mystery: Who sunk the USS Maine?

Look at the primary source documents from 1898, including the newspaper articles, and political cartoons to answer the questions with your partner.

NY Journal February 17th, 1898

Who does the newspaper think sunk the USS Maine?

Does Assistant Secretary Roosevelt think it was an accident?

What do the naval officers think caused the sinking of the USS Maine?

NY Journal February 18th 1898

Who does the cabinet believe sunk the USS Maine?

Who is President McKinley suspicious of?

Political Cartoon: Spanish Politeness

In the cartoon, what is between Uncle Sam and Spain in the water?

What does Spain have behind its back?

Who does the cartoonist think sunk the USS Maine?

NY Journal April 25, 1898

What did the Congress do?

Who do you think the US went to war with?

What do you think? Should the US have gone to war? Why or why not?