

1898: 'Remember the *Maine*!'

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OPEN BOOK

PASSAGE-BASED READING: Reread the first two sections of the article: the introduction and the section under the heading "Causes of the War." Then answer the following questions.

❶ The purpose of the article's first two paragraphs is to

- a** demonstrate that Spain was responsible for the explosion of the USS *Maine*.
- b** explain why the USS *Maine* was in the waters outside Havana, Cuba.
- c** compare the Spanish-American War with other conflicts in American history.
- d** establish that the explosion of the USS *Maine* helped propel the U.S. into the Spanish-American War.
- e** describe the Cuban rebellion against Spanish rule that was taking place in the late 1890s.

❷ The word *sensationalized* in paragraph 3 of the article most nearly means

- a** presented in a way that damages a person's reputation.
- b** exaggerated to arouse strong interest.
- c** stern or forbidding in style.
- d** classified or highly sensitive.
- e** substantiated by the facts.

❸ According to the article, which of these events happened first?

- a** Theodore Roosevelt organized the Rough Riders.
- b** Spain sent a new military ruler to Cuba to put down a rebellion there.
- c** President McKinley ordered the USS *Maine* to Havana.
- d** The first major battle of the Spanish-American War was waged in the Philippines.
- e** The U.S. issued the Monroe Doctrine to warn European nations against interfering in North or South America.

❹ This passage would best be described as an example of

- a** historical fiction.
- b** personal narrative.
- c** persuasive writing.
- d** expository writing.
- e** creative writing.

ESSAY

What long-term effects did the Spanish-American War have on U.S. foreign affairs?