Explosion of the *Maine*

*Directions:* Please complete each activity below as we do them as a class.

**Headline Critical Thinking Questions**

*Directions:* Please examine the two headlines on the board. Then, answer the questions below.

1. How do these two headlines differ?
2. What does each headline imply?
3. If these were articles, which would you have wanted to read first? Why?
4. Which do you think would have been more reliable? Why?
5. Why do you think different newspapers choose to present the same event so differently?

**Key Definition—**

Yellow Journalism: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Explosion of the Maine Guided Notes Questions**

1. What country colonized Cuba? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did the Cuban rebels want? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why was the U.S. interested in Cuba? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What are some of the reasons why McKinley sent the *Maine* to Cuba?

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1. What happened on February 15th, 1898? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Painting and “Awake! United States” Discussion Questions**

1. What do you notice in the painting?
2. How would it make you feel if another country did this to the U.S. today?
3. According to the song, who sunk the *Maine?*
4. Does this prove that they really did blow it up? Why or why not?

*Primary Source Reading Directions:* Please read BOTH articles. They are very short. After you read, complete the attached graphic organizer. Pay close attention to the question in the last column! After you read, complete the RAFT writing assignment that follows.

**RAFT Writing Response**

Please choose one of the following roles to use to respond to the explosion of the U.S.S. Maine.

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| **Role** | **Audience** | **Format\*** | **Topic** |
| Roosevelt  McKinley  A Serviceman on the U.S.S. Maine  An Average American  An Average Cuban  The U.S.S. Maine | Congress  A child  A loved one  The U.S. Public  The Cuban Public  The World | Letter  Ransom Note  Wanted Poster  Bumper Sticker  Poem  Rap/Song Lyrics  Newspaper Article | Complain  Whine  Congratulate  Brag  Condemn  Dispute  Convince |

\*All writing must be at least ½ page in length, single-spaced. Bumper stickers must be neat and show considerable effort.