

For the teacher only:

Origins of the quotes students will discuss in this folder.

1st quote: Senator Albert Beveridge, Addressed to Congress, 1900

2nd quote: Theodore Roosevelt, "The Strenuous Life," in Mario R. DiNunzio, ed., *Theodore Roosevelt: An American Mind* (New York: Penguin Books, 1994), 186.

3rd quote: A People's History of the United States pg. 305-306 [McKinley]

4th quote: War and Descent Gallery notes pg. 37 [Frederick Funston]

Directions:

- 1. Read each quote aloud.**
- 2. Discuss point of view represented in the quote.**
- 3. What evidence supports this point of view?**

"Mr. President, the times call for candor. The Philippines are ours forever, "territory belonging to the United States," as the Constitution calls them. And just beyond the Philippines are China's illimitable markets. We will not retreat from either. We will not repudiate our duty in the archipelago. We will not abandon our opportunity in the Orient. We will not renounce our part in the mission of our race, trustee, under God, of the civilization of the world. And we will move forward to our work, not howling out regrets like slaves whipped to their burdens but with gratitude for a task worthy of our strength and thanksgiving to Almighty God that He has marked us as His chosen people, henceforth to lead in the regeneration of the world."

Point of view:

Evidence:

"The guns that thundered off Manila and Santiago left us echoes of glory, but they also left us a legacy of duty. If we drove out a medieval tyranny only to make room for savage anarchy we had better not have begun the task at all. It is worse than idle to say that we have no duty to perform, and can leave to their fates the islands we have conquered. Such a course would be the course of infamy. It would be followed at once by utter chaos in the wretched islands themselves. Some stronger manlier power would have to step in and do the work, and we would have shown ourselves weaklings, unable to carry to successful completion the labors that great and high-spirited nations are eager to undertake."

Point of view:

Evidence:

"Before you go I would like to say just a word about the Philippine business....The truth is I didn't want the Philippines, and when they came to us as a gift from the gods, I did not know what to do with them.... I sought counsel from all sides- Democrats as well as Republicans- but got little help.

I thought first we would only take Manila; then Luzon, then the other islands, perhaps, also.

I walked the floor of the White House night after night until midnight; and I am not ashamed to tell you, gentlemen, that I went down on my knees and prayed Almighty god for light and guidance more than one night. And one night late it came to me this way- I don't know how it was, but it came:

- 1) That we could not give them back to Spain- that would be cowardly and dishonorable.
- 2) That we could not turn them over to France or Germany, our commercial rivals in the Orient- that would be bad business and discreditable.
- 3) That we could not leave them to themselves- they were unfit for self-government-and they would soon have anarchy and misrule over there worse than Spain's was; and
- 4) That there was nothing left for us to do but take them all and to educate the Filipinos, and uplift and civilize and Christianize them, and by God's grace do the very best we could by them, as our fellow men for whom Christ also died. And then I went to bed and went to sleep and slept soundly."

Point of view:

Evidence:

"I personally strung up thirty-five Filipinos without trial, so what was all the fuss over Waller's 'dispatching' a few 'treacherous savages'? If there had been more Smiths and Wallers, the war would have been over long ago. Impromptu domestic hanging might also hasten the end of the war. For starters, all Americans who have recently petitioned Congress to sue for peace in the Philippines should be dragged out of their homes and lynched."

Point of view:

Evidence: