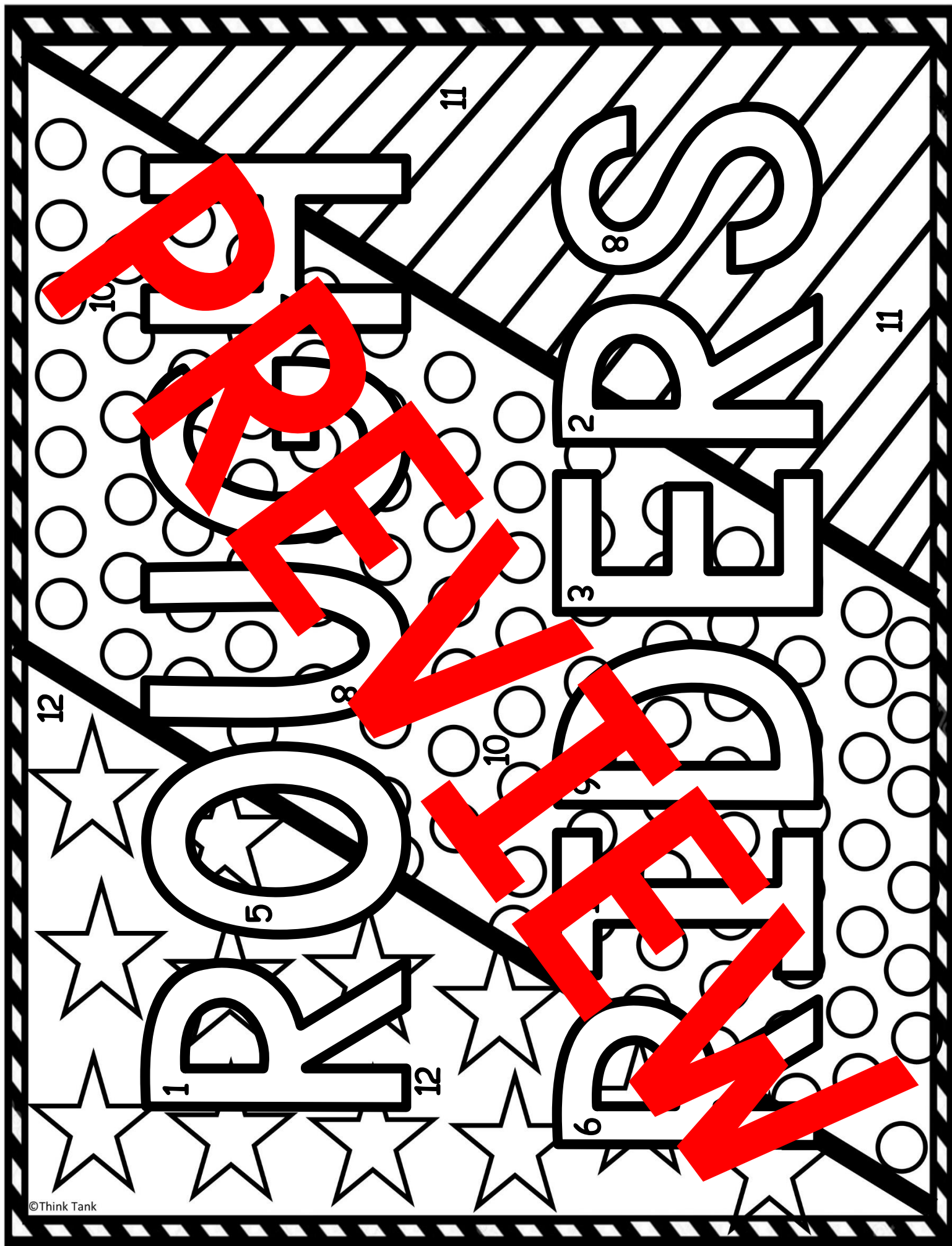




SPANISH AMERICAN WAR ANTICIPATION GUIDE

Read each statement and decide if it is True or False. Complete the left column before the reading by circling the T for True or the F for False. Complete the right column after you finish the reading. Did any of your answers change?

BEFORE READING		STATEMENT	AFTER READING	
T	F	The ship sent to Cuba was named Maine.	T	F
T	F	The Treaty of Paris was signed in 1902.	T	F
T	F	The leader of Spain during the war was Queen Maria Anne.	T	F
T	F	One of the famous battles in Cuba was the Battle of San Juan Hill.	T	F
T	F	The Rough Riders were led by William McKinley.	T	F
T	F	The war was fought in Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam.	T	F
T	F	The U.S. Navy was under the leadership of George Dewey.	T	F
T	F	The first battle of the Spanish American War was at Manila Bay.	T	F
T	F	The war was fought over the independence of Cuba.	T	F

DID YOU KNOW?

Guantanamo Bay in Cuba is the oldest overseas U.S. naval base.

Spanish American War

Name: _____

Answer the questions below. Then on the coloring page, color each numbered section with the corresponding color. If there is any space left over, color it your choice! Follow the directions provided to cite evidence from the reading.

Questions	Text Evidence	Answer
#1 The war was between the U.S. and what other country?	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in PURPLE	Brazil B
#2 In what month did Spain declare war on America?	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in GREEN	April PURPLE STRIPES
#3 For the Spanish fleet, what was Pascual's last name?	Find proof in the reading and <u>BOX</u> it in RED	Severus YELLOW
#4 Who was the U.S. president in 1898?	Find proof in the reading and <u>BOX</u> it in YELLOW	McKinley RED
#5 What was the name of the naval battle that started the war?	Find proof in the reading and <u>CIRCLE</u> it in ORANGE	Green BROWN
#6 In what month did the Spanish Armada surrender?	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in PURPLE	September ORANGE STRIPES
		July GREEN STRIPES

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

The Spanish American War was fought between the United States and Spain. Both countries were looking to expand. The land and climate of Cuba were ideal for growing sugar and making a profit. The leader of Spain during the Spanish American War was Queen regent Maria Christina.

The United States wanted to buy Cuba from Spain. Spain was not happy with the request and tensions began to mount between the two countries. The Spanish American War was fought over the independence of Cuba. The United States supported Cuba's desire to be free from Spanish rule. The war was fought in Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam.

Under Spanish rule, Cubans were being treated harshly and were forced into slavery. Thousands of enslaved Cubans died from starvation and disease.

This led many Cuban patriots to call for independence. Americans did not agree with how the Spanish were treating the people of Cuba. Many Americans supported the Cubans and wanted the United States to step in and help.

The conditions in Cuba got worse in 1895. President William McKinley of the United States sent a battleship (called Maine) to Cuba to help protect American citizens in the area. A huge explosion caused the Maine to sink off the coast of Cuba in February 1898. The explosion killed 260 servicemen.

No one actually knows what caused the explosion, but many Americans blamed Spain and encouraged America to enter the war. Newspaper publishers Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst used "yellow journalism" in their articles. Yellow journalism uses shocking, exaggerated and not always true headlines to sell more newspapers. The Spanish American War was the first conflict among nations that involved the media.

For the first few months, President William McKinley did not want to go to war. Originally, he sent an ultimatum to Spain demanding that they