Assignment: CER Political Cartoon Analysis

Objective:

Use the **CER strategy** (Claim – Evidence – Reasoning) to analyze one of the political cartoons related to the Spanish-American War.

CER Response

Respond to the cartoon using the CER framework below:

1. **Claim (1–2 sentences):**

   ○ What is the main message of the cartoon?
   ○ What is the cartoonist trying to say about the Spanish-American War, U.S. involvement, or imperialism?
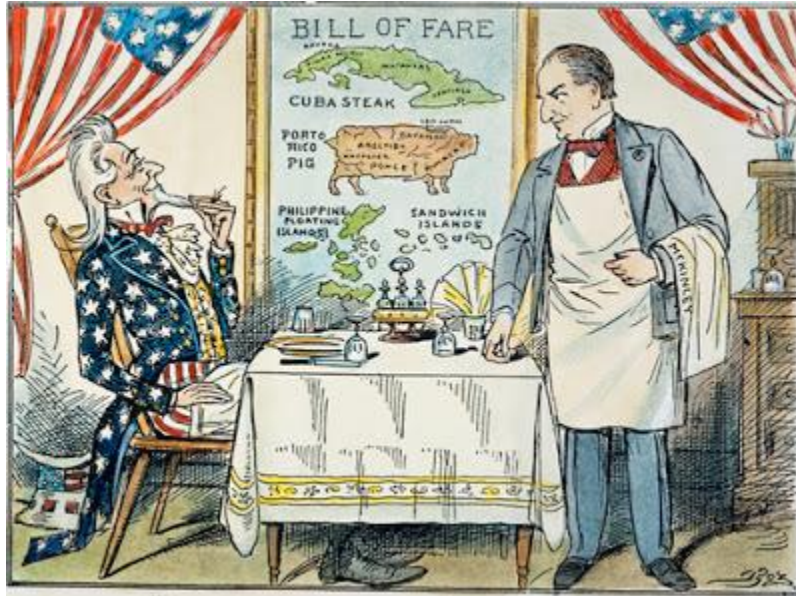
2. **Evidence (2–3 pieces):**

   ○ Describe specific details from the cartoon that support your claim.
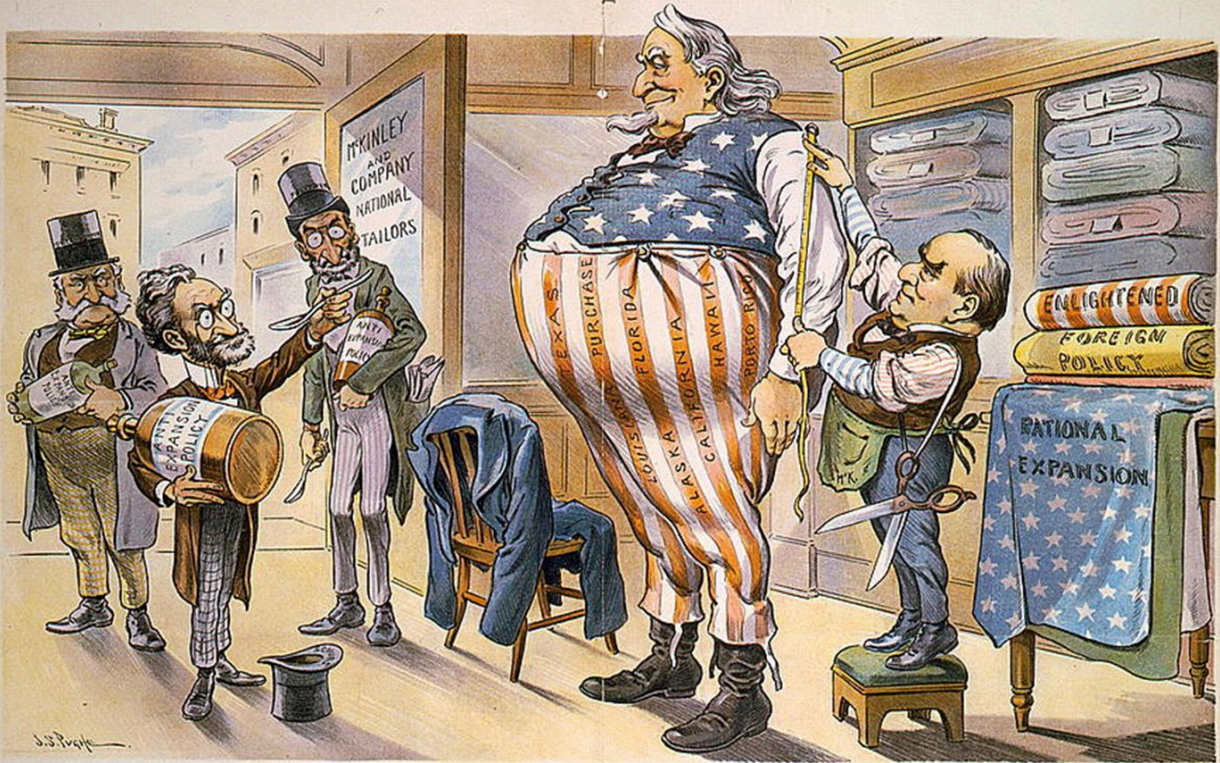   ○ These could be objects, symbols, characters, labels, or words.

3. **Reasoning (3–5 sentences):**

   ○ Explain how your evidence proves your claim.
   ○ Connect the cartoon to what you learned about the Spanish-American War (USS *Maine*, Treaty of Paris, imperialism, etc.).
   ○ Discuss how the cartoon might have influenced public opinion.

Choose a Cartoon to Respond to:

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THE ANTIS.—Here, take a dose of this anti-fat and get thin again!
UNCLE SAM.—No, Sonny! I never did take any of that stuff, and I'm too old to begin!