Pain for the Maine

Three tragic days earlier, the U.S.S Maine was no longer afloat. All was quiet and still on February 15, 1898. As the Maine sat peacefully in the waters of Havana Harbor, the night sky was suddenly filled with a loud explosion and red flames reaching towards the black sky. Suddenly, the night air is filled with screams of agony as more than 260 men wake to the heat of the flames and smell of smoke. No man on that ship had survived. Most men had died on the ship but about six men were taken to the hospital but soon died after. As America reels from this tragic event, the feeling that is replacing shock is anger. Anger for who had done this. Many know that our soldiers were protecting Cuba from the Spanish, whom were trying to take over Cuba. Now, it seems they have decided to strike us as well. Four of their men had crept onto America’s U.S.S Maine, passed the defenseless sleeping men, went down to the storage where they kept all of their weaponry and stole as many weapons they could carry. Obviously it wasn’t enough to fill the Spanish’s needs.

Instead, they put bombs all over the ship, creeping around the silent boat. Soon after, they left with our weapons and lefts us with the bombs. One Spanish guard lit the fuse to the bombs and quickly jumped off the ship, joining his other fellow soldiers. As the Spanish take their time in gloating, Americans are still with grief and shock. This is the time where America has to be strong. The Spanish were cruel to attack our men when they were defenseless, gloating while they planted the bombs everywhere, guaranteeing their deaths from the beginning.

The Spanish has taken this time to plot another strike against us. America has to fight for the men that have lost their lives, and for their loved ones. The Spanish are using this time to gather their troops and are going to strike again soon. They have killed thousands of Cubans and have enslaved many. They are now planning to do the same to America. They are going to kill our families and burn them as they did in Cuba, watching as the flames take over cities. Torturing children and killing many innocents. The Spanish did this to the Cubans before we stepped in to help. This action made them angry with us for helping. So, as America mourns for the soldiers we lost, they are plotting our next demise. The U.S.S. Maine stood strong as did the men on that ship until the Spanish came along and destroyed it.

They have ruined many lives and hope to destroy more. America needs to finally put an end to their killing rampage. We must fight to protect what’s ours and keep it safe; our freedom. They will try to take it and destroy it like they did to the Maine. Today, the Spanish are still basking in their victory over the Maine, the question that needs to be asked here today is: What are we Americans going to do about it?