

Florida Changes Course

Trace how the Spanish-American War changed life and work in Florida.

SS.4.A.6.4 "Describe effects of the Spanish American War on Florida."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three details that show an effect of the Spanish-American War on Florida, then number them 1, 2, and 3.

Florida During and After the War

- ① In 1898, the United States fought Spain in the Spanish-American War. Florida's warm weather, railroads, and ports made it a useful place to gather troops before they sailed to Cuba. Tampa became a major departure point. Thousands of soldiers, horses, and supplies arrived there, and local businesses sold food, equipment, and services to the growing military camps.
- ② The war also brought problems to Florida communities. Crowded camps needed clean water, safe food, and medical care. Some soldiers became sick with diseases, including typhoid fever. The illnesses showed why sanitation mattered in crowded places. Studies connected to the war later proved that mosquitoes spread yellow fever, supporting mosquito-control and public-health efforts in Florida.
- ③ After the war, Florida remained important to the United States military because of its location near the Caribbean. The need to move troops and supplies encouraged attention to ports, railroads, and military sites. Florida's role in the war also showed businesses that large groups of visitors could be served there. These changes added to Florida's growth in trade, travel, and military activity.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did the arrival of troops and supplies affect businesses in Tampa?

2 What problems did crowded military camps bring to Florida communities?

3 What did illnesses in crowded camps show people about sanitation?

4 Name two lasting ways the war affected Florida after it ended.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence newspaper brief set in Florida after the war. Describe one change caused by the war and explain one result of that change.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three details that show an effect of the Spanish-American War on Florida, then number them 1, 2, and 3. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the arrival of troops and supplies affect businesses in Tampa?	Local businesses sold food, equipment, and services to the military camps.
2	What problems did crowded military camps bring to Florida communities?	They needed clean water, safe food, and medical care, and some soldiers became sick with diseases such as typhoid fever.
3	What did illnesses in crowded camps show people about sanitation?	They showed that sanitation was important in crowded places.
4	Name two lasting ways the war affected Florida after it ended.	Answers may include increased attention to ports, railroads, and military sites; growth in trade, travel, and military activity; or stronger mosquito-control and public-health efforts.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

After the war, Florida ports and railroads received more attention because troops and supplies had to move quickly. This change helped Florida grow in trade and travel. Florida also remained important for military activity because it is near the Caribbean.

Accept answers that connect the war to changes in Florida, such as business growth, transportation and port improvements, public-health efforts, or continued military importance. For the newspaper brief, check for exactly three sentences with a clear change and result.