SS.912.A.4.1 - Imperialism – Example 4 Answer

The political cartoon below depicts William McKinley at the onset of the Spanish-American War. Use your knowledge of U.S. history to choose the statement below that most accurately summarizes the drawing.

A. McKinley looked for any provocation from Spain since he eagerly wanted to go to war so that the U.S. could secure new territories such as Cuba.

B. McKinley wanted to secure new territories, but took cautious steps before proceeding to war with Spain.

C. McKinley cared little for new territories; rather his major concern was furthering the labor union movements within the U.S.

D. Imperialism played only a minor role in U.S. policies during the late 19th century.

Answer

B. McKinley wanted to secure new territories, but took cautious steps before proceeding to war with Spain.