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- "Remember the *Maine*!"—the lies that started the Spanish-American War
- Admiral Nelson losing track of Napoleon but redeeming himself at the Nile
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