

Background Information

- **Election of 1808**
 - Madison (Replublican Party) is elected as 5th President of USA
 - Much like Thomas Jefferson
 - Supported by south, west, and farmers
 - Father of Constitution

EUROPE IN 1812

- British Control
- Napoleonic Empire
- Dependent States
- Allies of Napoleon



Madison's Foreign Policy

- **Britain and France at War**
 - Both had laws that supported the attack of American Merchant shipping
 - Britain: Orders of Council
 - All ships on route to Europe must stop in England and be searched first
 - France: Berlin-Milan Decrees
 - All Ships that stop in Britain will be sunk

Solution

- > **Embargo Act**
 - > Did not work!
 - > Hurt Americans more than the Europeans, Madison needs a different approach
- > **Macon Act 1810**
 - > USA will trade with the country that repeals their laws and promises not to trade with the other
 - > (we can't lose, trading with one is better than none!)
 - > France repeals their law quickly
 - > British Parliament takes too long to repeal their law, leads to bad US-UK relations






Battle of Tippecanoe (Indiana, 1811)

- > **Tecumseh**
 - > Forms Shawnee Confederation to fight Americans in the West
 - > Armed by British
 - > Believes that the white man is responsible for all the Native Americans problems
 - > Brother Tenkensatawa (the Prophet) is believed to be holy
- > **Gen. William Henry Harrison**
 - > Governor of Indiana Territory
 - > Represents feeling of "The only good Indian is a dead one"
- > **The Battle**
 - > Tecumseh plots to kill Harrison after they meet
 - > Battle is fought near town of Tippecanoe
 - > The Prophet told the Shawnee people they would not be harmed in battle
 - > Many were killed, Tecumseh's army disbands, The Prophet loses his following
 - > Harrison wins and destroys many Indian Villages
 - > Harrison becomes a hero, Tecumseh moves to Canada







Reasons for the War of 1812

- > **"War Hawks"**
 - > Congressmen from West who want new land and war
 - > Want Canada, Florida, and Cuba
- > **Tradition Attachment to France**
 - > Because of help during American Revolution
- > **Indians**
 - > Aided and instigated by Britain
- > **Impressment**
 - > England captures US Sailors and forces them to serve in British Navy
- > **Orders of Council repealed just two days before Declaration of War**
 - > Didn't reach US in time
 - > England already fighting with Napoleon in Europe
 - > Most people in New England don't want war
 - > USA is broke, army is not prepared







1812

- > **Madison re-elected**
 - > Supported in South
- > **United States invades Canada**
 - > 3-Pronged Attack!






War of 1812

- > **Attack at Detroit / Niagara / Lake Champlain**
 - > All three fail, US surrenders Detroit
 - > Some small naval victories for US




1813



- > **USA Burns Toronto**
- > **USS Chesapeake captured by HMS Shannon**
 - > Captured outside of Boston because of Blockade
 - > "Don't Give Up the Ship" – Capt. Lawrence's dying words
- > **Battle of Lake Erie**
 - > Perry builds fleet in Erie, PA
 - > Battle fought in Put-In-Bay, Ohio
 - > Major USA victory "We have met the enemy and they are ours!"
- > **England Blockades US Coast**
 - > Impressment of soldiers
- > **Battle of Thames**
 - > Harrison attacks retreating British/Indians
 - > Tecumseh dies in battle

1814

- > **British Burn Washington**
 - > Capitol, White House, other bldgs
 - > Dolly Madison saves portrait of G. Wash
- > **Battle of Ft. McHenry**
 - > Fort withstands British bombardment
 - > Francis Scott Key writes poem while prisoner on a British ship [\(link\)](#) [\(link 2\)](#)
 - > Flag can be seen at Museum of American History in D.C. – parts of flag are missing because parts were buried with soldiers from fort
- > **Treaty of Ghent**
 - > Both sides stop fighting, borders return to where they were prior to the war
 - > Nationalism soars in USA
 - > "Second War for Independence"
 - > Europe recognizes USA as a "Real Nation"
 - > Indian troubles end for awhile, impressment ends



1815

> **Battle of New Orleans**

- > Very Strategic, Part 3 of English attack
- > Andrew Jackson leads his men to New Orleans
 - > He's aided by pirates
- > Defeats British after war was already over, word just hadn't reached the South
- > English lose 2,000 of 8,000 in frontal Assault
- > Biggest American Victory of the War!
- > Andrew Jackson becomes War Hero!



> **Aftermath**

- > Nationalism starts to replace Sectionalism
 - > "I was a New Yorker, but now I'm an American!"
- > Before 1812, most art, books, etc. was purchased from Europe
 - > Now Americans started to create their own
 - > "Webster's Dictionary"

