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# THE WAR OF 1812

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# What are some major events leading to The War of 1812?

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- ✧ US shipping was being harassed, and cargo was seized.
  - ◆ Britain required licenses for ships bound for Europe
  - ◆ France confiscated cargo from licensed ships
- ✧ Impressment of American sailors
  - ◆ Many British sailors became naturalized US citizens and deserted British vessels and joined American crews.
  - ◆ British Navy kidnapped these sailors off American ships and had them rejoin the British Navy



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## ✦ Economic Diplomacy Fails

- ◆ Embargo Act of 1807 halted all trade with Europe
- ◆ Embargo is a government ban on trade with other countries
- ◆ Embargo was unpopular in port cities, especially in the North



# Jefferson Farewell

## Enter James Madison

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- ✦ Jefferson did not want to run for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term
- ✦ Madison was Jefferson's Secretary of State
- ✦ Madison was an author of 30 of the 81 the Federalist Papers (including No. 10 and No. 51)
- ✦ Considered the most important contributor to the Constitution
- ✦ Also the shortest President



# What were some of the benefits of going to war with Britain?

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- ✦ To allow reopening of trade
- ✦ National Pride
- ✦ To stop the impressment of sailors
- ✦ CANADA!!!





# What were some drawbacks to going to war?

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- ✦ Not everyone in the US wanted to go to war
- ✦ Military was small
  - ◆ Standing Army was small
  - ◆ Militia comprised most of our forces, and they did not like to fight outside of their state borders
  - ◆ Navy was quite small only 22 ships
- ✦ Britain was a great Superpower and could crush us like a bug and we could lose territory that was gained in the Treaty of Paris or the Louisiana Purchase





# Key Battles

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## ✦ US Burns York (now Toronto)

- ◆ US figured the Canadians would welcome the Americans and quickly join the US to expel Britain from North America...this did not happen

## ✦ Perry Defeated the British on Lake Erie

- ◆ This gave the US control of Lake Erie

## ✦ Britain Blockades the Eastern Seaboard

- ◆ This prevented shipping from leaving, and made the war more unpopular in the Northeast



# The Roof is on Fire...

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- ✦ In August 1814, British Forces Sailed into Chesapeake Bay and capture Washington D.C.
- ✦ They burn the White House and the Capitol
- ✦ Madison and Congress Barely escape





# Oh Say Can You See...

- ✦ Unlike D.C., Baltimore was Ready for the British
- ✦ The City militia inflicted heavy casualties on the British
- ✦ After bombarding Fort McHenry on September 13, 1814 The British abandon the attack
- ✦ Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment and penned a poem which becomes the National Anthem.





# Treaty of Ghent

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- ✦ Treaty was Negotiated in Europe and was signed on Dec. 24, 1814 ending the war of 1812
- ✦ The War ended in a stalemate, where no party gained or lost any territory.
- ✦ The issue of impressment was not addressed, but faded on its own.



# Battle of New Orleans

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- ✦ Fought after the treaty was signed (but not ratified)
- ✦ Why was New Orleans important?
- ✦ Pirates and Frontiersman fought alongside US troops
- ✦ Made Andrew Jackson a National hero and household name
- ✦ Ensured treaty ratification



# If The War of 1812 ended in a tie, why was it important?

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- ✦ Gave the United States a National Identity
  - ◆ We were able to hold our own against the British
  - ◆ Started us thinking about continuing westward expansion
  - ◆ Ended bad feelings toward the British
- ✦ Creates a hero in Andrew Jackson and the Western Frontiersmen