

Essential Question: How was the War of 1812 significant in the development of a national identity?

Focus question 1: What were the causes of the War of 1812?

<p>Cause 1:</p> <p>Impressment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Practice of British ships forcing sailors off of American ships to join the British Navy ○ British claimed they weren't actually U.S. citizens. U.S. said it was violation of rights.
<p>Cause 2:</p> <p>Tecumseh's Confederation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alliance of Native American tribes started an uprising on the American frontier ○ Americans claimed that the British were giving guns to these indians.
<p>Cause 3:</p> <p>Warhawks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A group of Congressmen who tried to get America to declare war on England and the Native Americans. ○ Goal = gain new land from indians

Focus question 2: What were the important events of the War of 1812?

Event	Description
<p>America invades British Canada</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ America invades Canada, looking for an easy victory. They are quickly defeated. ○ The British launch an invasion across the U.S. border, taking the fort @ Detroit. ○ While in Canada, American troops destroy the British gov. buildings.
<p>England invades America (North East)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is not U.S. army left to stop the British attack, so the British take over much of the North Eastern U.S. ○ The British army attacks civilians and burns towns. This makes Americans hate them even more.

"Bladensburg Races"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last stand of U.S. Army to defend Washington D.C. ○ Americans run away from the British so fast that the British can't keep up. ○ Extremely embarrassing for U.S.
British burn Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In revenge for Americans destroying the Canadian capital, British troops burn down government buildings in D.C. ○ President/First Lady Madison save gov. documents.
Defense of Baltimore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ British move on to attack Baltimore (important U.S. port city) ○ Americans defend against British navy ○ Brits forced to retreat. This gives Americans some hope of victory.

Focus question 3: What were the results of the War of 1812?

Event	Description
Battle of New Orleans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final battle of the War of 1812 ○ Actually Happens after the peace treaty was signed ○ Americans led by General Jackson defeat the British army. ○ Largest battle of the war. Only battle the Americans win.

War of 1812 Presidential Speech Writer

You are President Madison's speechwriter. Your job is to write a very brief speech (two paragraphs) for the president that talks about the both importance of the Battle of New Orleans and overall victory in the War of 1812.

- Paragraph one should include:
 - Details from the Battle of New Orleans
 - The importance of General Andrew Jackson
- Paragraph two should include:
 - Two ways that winning the War of 1812 has changed the way that Americans feel about their country.