War of 1812: 1812 - 1814

U.S.A. vs. Britain
Causes of the War of 1812

• The British:
  • Impressed American sailors.
  • Seized American ships.
  • Helped Native Americans attack the U.S. in the west.

Hi-Lite: What was happening to American ships and sailors?
The War of 1812: Main Events

• **The War Hawks:**
• Western Americans accused Britain of aiding Native Americans.
• In the Battle of Tippecanoe, Americans found British guns with Native Americans fighting along the Mississippi.
• Westerners demanded war against Britain!

**Hi-lite:** Who demanded war with Britain?
**Hi-Lite:** Why was the battle of Tippecanoe important?
The War of 1812: Main Events

- **The British Burn Washington D.C.:**
  - In 1814, the British army invaded Washington.
  - They burned the Capital Building and the White House.
  - President Madison fled for his life!

Dolly Madison fled the White House, saving a famous portrait of George Washington.

**Hi-Lite:** What did the British do to Washington D.C.?
Dolly Madison’s Letter

• Two messengers covered with dust, come to bid me fly. . . . At this late hour a wagon has been procured, I have had it filled with the plate and most valuable portable articles belonging to the house. . . .
Dolly Madison’s Letter

“Your kind friend, Mr. Carroll, has come to hasten my departure, [but] I insist on waiting until the large picture of Gen. Washington is secured, and it requires to be unscrewed from the wall. This process was found too tedious for these perilous moments;

I have ordered the frame to be broken, and the canvass taken out - it is done!
The Star Spangled Banner

- The Star Spangled Banner: America’s National Anthem:
- While the British bombed Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner.
- The British could not capture the fort and the American flag still waved in the “Dawn’s early light!”

Hi-lite: Who wrote the Start Spangled Banner?
War of 1812: Main Events

• The Battle of New Orleans:
  • The British invaded the city of New Orleans.
  • General Andrew Jackson and 7,000 American militia defended the city.
  • The Americans saved the city and killed 2,000 British soldiers.
• The greatest American victory in the war came after it had ended!

Hi-lite: Who became a hero at the Battle of New Orleans?
Hi-Lite: Why was this America’s greatest victory in the War of 1812?
Consequences of the War of 1812

- Americans gained national pride.
- Native American resistance was weakened in the west.
- American business improves.
- The Federalist Party dies out.

Hi-Lite: What did America gain after the war?
Who Won the War of 1812?

- **USA** – Many believed the United States held off the mighty British Empire to *preserve* their independence.
- **Canada** – Held off a major American *invasion* to preserve their country.
- **Britain** – More concerned with their war with France, and their victory against Napoleon.
- **Native Americans** – The real *victim* of the war. They *lost* land to the USA and lost the help of the British.
Review: The War of 1812

• What 2 countries fought the War of 1812? When?

• Who became the hero of the Battle of New Orleans?
President Madison: The War of 1812

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Effects of the War of 1812