

# Independent Study: *The War of 1812*

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Carefully enter the following link into your web browser's "location" slot (near the top of the browser window), or you may be able to click on it and have your browser launch; depends on your computer and software.

[http://www.galafilm.com/1812/e/background/gen\\_issues.html](http://www.galafilm.com/1812/e/background/gen_issues.html)

## 1. Click on the link "First Nations."

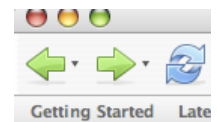
By reading the paragraphs in the links on this page (especially the link, "*British Allies*"), how would U.S. citizens simplistically view the British relationship with the Native Americans along the common border

areas? Specifically, what item(s) would make Americans angry? **Explain** your answer.

(If you are confused about what the U.S. perspective might be, you can find it in the last paragraph in another link -- under "Americans" and the link, "American Expansion Policy." Still, you would need to justify what things the British did that foster this view.)



When finished with this page, hit the "Back" button in your browser to get back to the first page, and then click on the link, "Americans."



Within the links on that page, the following questions.



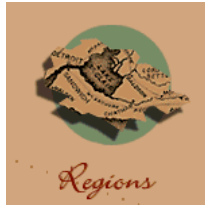
answer

(As you explore the links on this page, use your browser's "Back" button to get you back to the page titled, "Americans," in order to explore further links.)

2. **A)** Which section of the country had leaders that were firmly against war with Britain?  
**B)** Though much of the war rhetoric concerned Britain's disrespect of American rights in world trade, the leaders you mentioned in "A" pointed out that what the War Hawks really wanted out of a war was...what?
3. Speaking of trade and shipping, what did British ships do to American ships and sailors at sea. Put another way, define "Impressment" as carried out in these times.
4. **A)** Explain how U.S. merchant marines (shippers) were caught between a rock and a hard place when it came to French & British polices as the two were at war.  
**B)** Regardless, on which world power did U.S. citizens focus their anger?
5. **A)** Rather than move toward war, what did Jefferson do to attempt to counter or punish these European powers for their dirty deeds?  
**B)** Who got hurt the most by this policy?
6. What section(s) of the country were the "War Hawks" from?

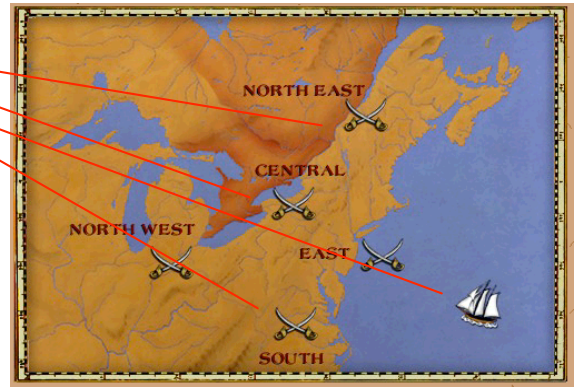
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From the page, "Americans," go down to the bottom and click on the symbol that brings out the title, "**Events & Locations.**" Then click on "**Regions.**" This will take you to a page with a map that has five land regions on it, and one sea link. Explore this map to answer the following questions.



Click on the various locations and the ship to see how each country did in that region during the war.

Then use your "Back" button to get back to this map.



7. How did the Americans do at making progress to their unstated war aim, that you noted in 2B?
8. As war raged, what happened on the East Coast, particularly Washington D.C.?
9. By clicking on the ship, you can check out how the United States did against the biggest and best Navy in the world. (You will find another map with six ships. Click on the ships...)
  - A) Ok, in the sea battles mentioned there, how did the U.S. fair? Explain your answer.
  - B) What is the name of the U.S. ship that did better then any other, even when outgunned? It still exists and is on display in Boston to this day.
10. Browse "Back" several pages to the page titled "Americans," and click on the link there titled, "**The Treaty of Ghent.**"
  - A) During treaty negotiations, fully explain how the British saw to the desires of their Native American allies.
  - B) How much did the treaty address the main items which brought Americans into war in the first place?
  - C) As noted in the last paragraph of this page, what did each side gain as a result of this war?

