

The Young Republic Fights



The War of 1812

ACTIVITY KEY

Rewrite = rewrite the sentence to make correct

Complete = write the correct answer that completes the idea

Cloze = underline the correct word in the reading

Text = define the word or revise a text feature

Interact = interact with media/text

Opinion = give your own opinion



= complete the interactive notebook and/or test

Manifest Destiny is a good word for what happened in America during its most early years. Thomas Jefferson got a great deal on the French territory called Louisiana, so he doubled the size of the United States. He wanted to see pioneers move into this territory, cut down the trees, "relocate" the Indians, and start new farms. The United States would be a paradise of farmers from Atlantic to Pacific. So, Manifest Destiny is this idea that God wanted America to expand and become a paradise of agriculture and democracy.

Define Manifest Destiny

Rewrite

1. Thomas Jefferson wanted the USA to become an industrial paradise.
2. Manifest Destiny required the USA to get smaller.

Another good word for this is the beginning of American nationalism. Historians don't usually use the word nationalism until they talk about Europe right before World War I. But we can say that **America experienced a kind of nationalism** during the time of the presidents Thomas Jefferson, then James Madison, and finally James Monroe. These are the next presidents: Jefferson is #3, Madison is #4, and Monroe is #5. These men are all from Virginia. They all are Democratic-Republicans. And they all share this idea of Manifest Destiny and the agricultural paradise. They all wanted to limit government, but found that they had to expand the federal government to get what they wanted.

Interact

Re-read the paragraph above and **highlight** what the Virginia presidents shared in common.

Interact These pictures show...



James Madison brings the USA into **another** war with England. James Madison has to expand the **army** and **navy** to fight this war. The war is called the War of 1812. It is mostly fought in Canada and on lakes and the ocean. But the English do invade America and burn down the White House. In the end, nobody wins this war; it is a stalemate. But it is important. So, how do we get into a war with England... again? This is the story of the War of 1812.



Interact This picture shows...

Complete

1. Another word for Manifest Destiny is the beginning of American _____.
2. The War of 1812 is between the United States and _____.
3. The president during the War of 1812 is _____.
4. James Madison is from the _____ party, which is against expanding the federal government.
5. James Madison has to expand the federal government because he increases the size of the _____ and _____ to fight the British.
6. Nobody wins the War of 1812, but the British do burn down the _____ in Washington, DC.

Years before, George Washington had made peace with England. But England did this thing called impressment. **Impressment** is when you kidnap somebody else's sailors, and make them fight for you. England was fighting against France and needed soldiers. They couldn't invade America and take slaves; however, there were many Americans in ships who were merchants. They were vulnerable. The British kidnapped them and made them fight for England. This made Americans angry.



Interact This picture shows...

This impressment continued during the time of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. But John Adams couldn't do anything: the Federalists wanted to be allies with England. Thomas Jefferson didn't want to expand the army or navy, so he didn't do anything. James Madison became president. His fellow Democratic-Republicans forced him to do something! They wanted him to declare war. **Nobody liked the impressment**, but nobody was doing anything to stop it. Madison and the Democratic-Republicans wanted to do something. The Federalists didn't want to do anything.

Rewrite

1. The British started impressment during the time of James Madison.
2. The Federalists really wanted to fight England.
3. The Democratic-Republicans didn't want to challenge England.

The Democratic-Republicans started a **rumor that the British were giving weapons to Indians in the frontier**. Remember: Frontier means the part of the USA that wasn't developed or where the pioneers went to make their farms. The rumor actually wasn't true. There were many fights between the pioneers and Indians, but the British didn't have that much to do with it. Actually, many Democratic-Republicans **wanted the USA to expand into Canada**. They thought maybe Canada would like to be free of British rule. They were wrong. Canadians stayed on the side of the British. They fought the USA.

Definite Frontier

Interact The Three Causes of the War of 1812 are: (they are **bold**)

1 –

2 –

3 -



Interact Draw an arrow to the Indian talking to the British.

Circle the Redcoat soldiers. Make a star on the dead American pioneer.

The War of 1812 didn't really hurt the British. It didn't hurt the Americans, either. It made them stronger. It really hurt two groups: American Indians and the Federalist Party. The War of 1812 destroyed the Federalist Party. The Federalists never wanted to fight England. They supported commerce with England. They wanted England to buy things from their factories in the North. So, they organized a convention to oppose the war. They actually didn't want the American soldiers to even march through places they controlled, like northern New York.

Rewrite/Complete

1. The War of 1812 hurt the Democratic-Republicans.
2. The War of 1812 benefitted the American Indians.
3. The Federalists didn't want to fight England because...
4. The Federalists organized a convention to...

The War of 1812 was fast. England made peace with the USA in late 1814. Even The USA won the last battle, called the Battle of New Orleans. This battle actually happened in 1815, after the war was already over. They didn't have Facebook back then, so news traveled slow. The Battle of New Orleans was a great battle. The general, named Andrew Jackson, became a hero. This made Americans feel so proud because Andrew Jackson was from the frontier, so he was a hero of the common people.



Complete The hero of New Orleans was _____.

Andrew Jackson's victory made the Federalists look like a bunch of cowards and it made the pioneers look like "real Americans." The Federalists were shamed. Soon, there were no Federalists left. America was united under the Democratic-Republicans for very short time. This time was called the Era of Good Feelings. American nationalism increased. The political fighting stopped. Manifest Destiny seemed like the truth.



Complete

1. The Federalists disappeared because...
2. The time after the War of 1812 was the Era of Good Feelings because...

Interact

Three effects of the War of 1812 are:

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Opinion

The losers of the War of 1812 were the British and the American Indians. Why do you think the American Indians would become the big losers?

(Hint: it has to do with Manifest Destiny)

Interact

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What does the American National Anthem have to do with the War of 1812?



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