MADISON AND THE WAR

The War of 1812

IN RESPONSE TO CONTINUED BRITISH INTERFERENCE IN OUR LIVES

BACKGROUND

- **CONGRESS**
  - **IMPRESSMENTS VIOLATE OUR NEUTRLITY WITH GREAT BRITAIN**
  - **JAY'S TREATY**
- **GREAT BRITAIN**
  - **BRITISH NAVY ALWAYS SHORT MEN**
    - **LOW PAY**
    - **POOR CONDITIONS**
  - **WANT BRITISH DESERTERS BACK**
  - **CONSIDER NATURALIZED AMERICANS BORN IN GREAT BRITAIN TO BE BRITISH CITIZENS**
  - **1793-1812 -15,000 AMERICAN SAILORS TAKEN**
- **1807 – *HMS LEOPARD* ATTACKS USS CHESAPEAKE OFF COAST OF VIRGINIA**
  - **3 AMERICAN LIVES LOST**
  - **UNTRAINED CREW**
  - **1 DESERTER AND 3 AMERICANS TAKEN**
- **ANGERED AMERICANS– COULD NOT UNDERSTAND JEFFERSON WHEN HE REFUSES TO GO TO WAR!**
- **JEFFERSON BELIEVES: INSTEAD OF WAR, STOP TRADE AND FORCE THEIR HAND TO END IMPRESSMENTS.**

JEFFERSON'S RESPONSE

- **NON-IMPORTATION ACTS**
  - **BAN BRITISH IMPORTS**
  - **NEGOTIATION:**
    - **GREAT BRITAIN <u>WILL</u> STOP INTERFERING WITH TRADE WITH FRANCE**
    - **<u>WILL NOT</u> STOP IMPRESSMENTS**
- **HATRED OF GREAT BRITAIN INCREASES**
- **JEFFERSON KNOWS WE ARE TOO WEAK TO FIGHT GREAT BRITAIN**
  - **HIT THEM HARD FINANCIALLY**

Embargo of 1807

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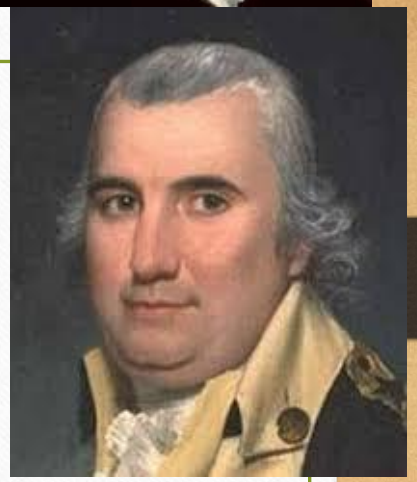
O GRAB ME: EMBARGO SPELLED BACKWARDS.

- **The U.S. will not trade with any European traders, no importation of British goods**
- **Jefferson believed we would be okay without their products, but they would not be okay without ours**
- **Politically and Economically DISASTER!**
- **Widespread violation of the embargo with smuggling**
- **Jefferson calls in the Army and Navy to control it**
- **Declares part of the country in rebellion**
- **Goes against his belief of weak central government**

REACTION AND RESULTS

- **FEDERALIST SUPPORTERS ARE GIVEN NEW LIFE (MAINLY IN NORTHEAST STATES)**
- **JEFFERSON DECIDES TO CHANGE POLICY AFTER 2 DISASTEROUS YEARS**
- **LOSES POLITICAL RESPECT AMONG PEOPLE**
  - **DECIDES NOT TO RUN FOR A THIRD TERM ********
- **HIS ALTERNATIVE**
  - **REPLACE EMBARGO ACT WITH NON-INTERCOURSE ACT 1809**
    - **STILL AN ECONOMIC DISASTER**
  - **MACON'S BILL #2 (WE TOUCHED ON THIS AS WELL ALREADY).**

Election of 1808

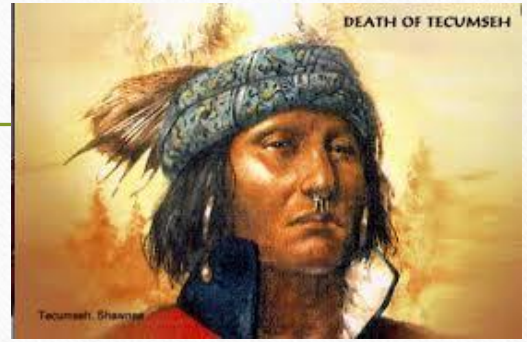


- Republican - James Madison (122) "Little Jemmy"
- Federalist – Charles C. Pinckney (47)
  - Federalist support stemmed from New England
  - Why? Because merchants!
  - Dolley Madison – First Lady
    - "Presidentress"- Balance between queenliness and republican openness
    - Weekly open-house parties "Mrs. Madison's Crush" or "Squeeze"
    - Parties lasted hours, with hundreds of people in attendance
    - Established informal channels of information
    - By opening the house – termed the "White House" during this time – made accessible the highest power to many "common people"

Back in the Northwest….

- American's believed British were still interfering with Native Americans
  - 230,000 people flooded into Ohio after Treaty of Greenville
- Since Battle of Fallen Timbers, tribes called for unification
- Tecumseh, a Shawnee chief, wanted to hold onto Native American lands
- William Henry Harrison (governor of Indiana territory) continued to buy sections of land at a time from Native Americans
- 1809 – Treaty of Fort Wayne
  - Agreed to by Miami, Delaware, Kickapoos, Potawatomi, and other tribes.
  - Tecumseh
    - Argued that land belonged to all tribes,
    - No one tribe has the right to sell
    - Warns against incursions by settlers into the territory
    - Organizes tribes to unify against the Americans
  - Harrison promised this would be last one– buys 3 million acres at 2 cents per acre (THE BIG LIE)

Battle of Tippecanoe



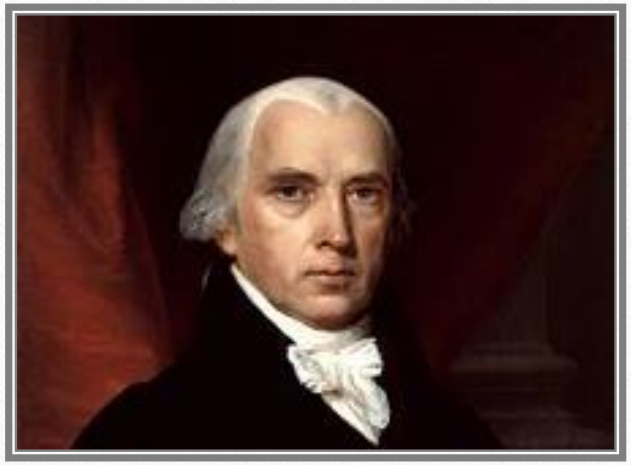
- Tecumseh away recruiting other tribes
- Harrison with 1000 men defeat the Shawnee
  - 2-hour battle, 62 American deaths, 40 Native American deaths
  - Destroys Prophetstown, Shawnee Capitol.
- Tecumseh and his warriors go to British Canada for safety – welcomed
  - Americans angry at the British and Canadian response.
  - Native Americans and British become allies
- Henry Clay – Congressman of Kentucky argued for war!

Congress 1811: War Hawks

- **WAR HAWKS LEAD THE CONGRESS**
  - **YOUNG REPUBLICANS EAGER TO AVENGE INDIAN ATTACKS AND IMPRESSMENT**
    - **HENRY CLAY (KENTUCKY) SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**
    - **JON C. CALHOUN (SOUTH CAROLINE), MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.**
  - **MOST FROM WESTERN AND SOUTHERN STATES**
  - **MOST ARE LAWYERS**
- **WANT A WAR WITH GREAT BRITAIN**
  - **EXPANSIONIST MOVEMENT WANT CANADA AND FLORIDA**
- **APPROVED INCREASES IN DEFENSE**
- **QUADRUPLED THE SIZE OF THE ARMY**

Election of 1812

- **MADISON (128 ELECTORAL VOTES)**
- **DeWITT CLINTON (89 ELECTORAL VOTES)**
  - **REPUBLICAN WITH FEDERALIST SUPPORT**
  - **WON ALL NEW ENGLAND'S VOTES (MINUS VERMONT).**
  - **WON NY, NJ, AND MARYLAND**



CAUSES OF THE WAR (AN UNNECESSAY WAR)

- ✓ **IMPRESSMENTS**
  - **SHIPPING IS BIG FOR AMERICA**
  - **MERCHANTS IN NORTHEAST**
    - **BRITISH ARE ALLIES IN COMMERCE**
- ✓ **INCITING AND AIDING NATIVE AMERICAN ATTACKS ON SETTLERS IN THE WEST.**
- ✓ **INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING.**

THE SITUATION

- **GREAT BRITAIN DOES NOT WANT TO FIGHT**
  - **AT WAR WITH FRANCE**
  - **FINALLY! TO END THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR:**
    - **DECLARES AN END TO INTERFERENCE WITH AMERICAN SHIPPING!!**
    - **BUT! THE LETTER DOES NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER WAR IS DECLARED.**
- **UNITED STATES**
  - **JEFFERSON AND MADISON DID NOT SUPPORT THE MILITARY**
    - **WEAK!**
      - **ARMY: 7,000**
      - **NAVY: 16 SHIPS**

WAR BECAUSE OF INTENSE SECTIONALISM

- **JUNE 18, 1812**
  - **CONGRESS DECLARES WAR**
    - **FEDERALISTS ALL VOTE NO**
    - **WEST AND SOUTHERN STATE WAR HAWKS UNITE**
  - **BRITAIN'S LETTER DOES NOT ARRIVE IN TIME**

- ***"REPORT ON THE CAUSES AND REASONS FOR WAR"***
  - **WRITTEN BY SEN. CALHOUN, FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.**
    - **INSULTED BRITAIN'S "LUST FOR POWER".**
    - **DESCRIBED BRITAIN'S REACTION AS *"FIGHTIN' WORDS"***

SECTIONALISM

FEDERALISTS	NEW ENGLAND AND MID-ATLANTIC STATES	LIVLIHOOD IS TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN	WAR WOULD BE TOO COSTLY	ALL THESE STATES VOTE AGAINST THE WAR
DEMOCRATIC-REPUBLICANS	SOUTHERN AND WESTERN STATES	WAR HAWKS	WAR WOULD BE HONORABLE THING TO DO	WAR FOR REVENGE FOR INDIAN RAIDS	ALL THESE STATES VOTE FOR THE WAR

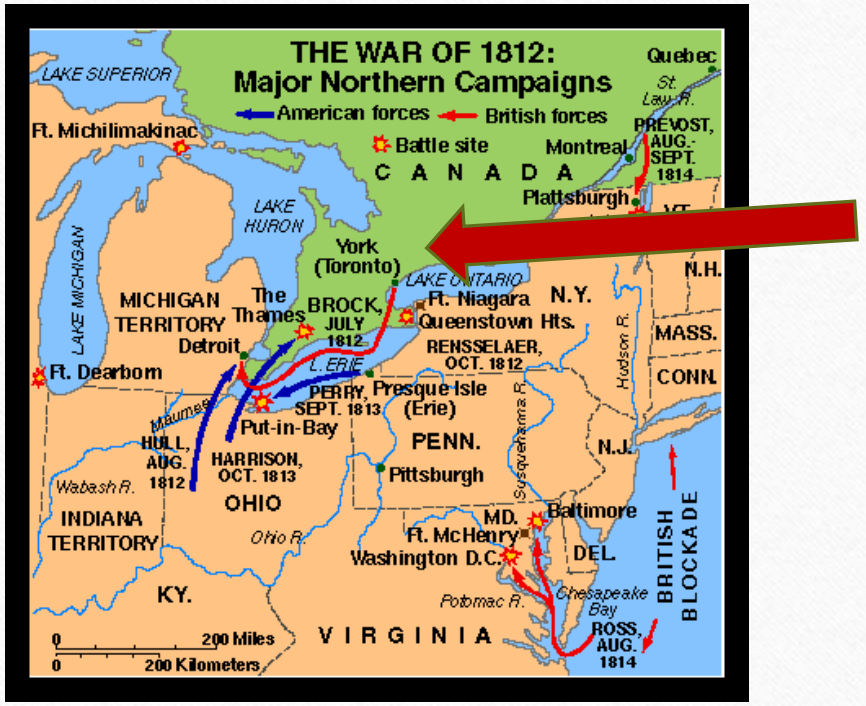
NEW ENGLAND STATES

- **NO RUSH TO RAISE REQUIRED TROOP LEVELS.**
- **CONTINUE ILLEGAL TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN**
- **IN PROTEST: DRANK EAST INDIA TEA IN LIVERPOOL CUPS THROUGHOUT THE WAR.**

EARLY YEARS

- **GREAT BRITAIN FOCUSED ON ITS WAR WITH FRANCE**
  - **LITTLE ENERGY OR RESOURCES FOR THE US CONFLICT**
- **AMERICAN NAVY**
  - **SMALL IN SIZE**
  - **FASTEST SHIPS ON THE WATER**
  - **NAVAL OFFICERS GAINED EXPERIENCE IN THE BARBARY WARS.**
  - **EARLY VICTORIES FOR US NAVY**
- **GREAT BRITAIN RESPONDS**
  - **BLOCKADES THE COAST OF US**

BATTLE AND BURNING OF YORK (PRESENT DAY TORONTO) April 27, 1813

- **16 AMERICAN SHIPS MAKE IT TO THE CAPITOL OF UPPER CANADA: YORK**
- **1700 AMERICANS EASILY TAKE CONTROL**
- **BRITISH UNDER GENERAL SHEAFFE RETREAT.**
  - **ORDERS THE TOWN TO BE DESTROYED**
  - **BLOWS UP AMMUNITION STORAGE SITE**
    - **KILLS AND INJURIES MANY ON BOTH SIDES.**
- **AMERICANS CONTINUE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TOWN AND BURN THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING (THIS IS WHY THE BRITISH BURNED WASHINGTON D.C.)**

NORTHERN CAMPAIGN
PRETTY MUCH A BUST FOR US!