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*"Encyclopedia of the War of " fills a gap in the study of American history. The War of is often regarded as the last chapter in the American Revolution. It is usually boiled down to a mere skirmish between the fledging American nation and the British Empire before the two eventually became firm allies.*

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*War of 1812*, (June 18, February 17, 1815), conflict fought between the United States and Great Britain over British violations of U.S. maritime rights. The war ended with the exchange of ratifications of the Treaty of Ghent.

British goals[ edit ] The British were engaged in a life-and-death war with Napoleon and could not allow the Americans to help the enemy, regardless of their lawful neutral rights to do so. As Horsman explains, "If possible, England wished to avoid war with America, but not to the extent of allowing her to hinder the British war effort against France. All parties were committed to the defeat of France, and this required sailors hence the need for impressment , and it required all-out commercial war against France hence the restrictions imposed on American merchant ships. On the question of trade with America the British parties split. As Horsman argues, "Some restrictions on neutral commerce were essential for England in this period. By Britain was no longer controlled by politicians dedicated to commercial supremacy, so that cause had vanished. The British were hindered by weak diplomats in Washington such as David Erskine who misrepresented British policy and by communications that were so slow the Americans did not learn of the reversal of policy until they had declared war. When Americans proposed a truce based on British ending impressment, Britain refused, because it needed those sailors. It would be independent of the United States and under the tutelage of the British, who would use it to block American expansion and to build up their control of the fur trade. Much of the proposed buffer state remained largely under British and Indian control throughout the war. First, a series of trade restrictions called the Orders in Council introduced by Britain to impede American trade with France , a country with which Britain was at war; the U. Third, the alleged British military support for American Indians who were offering armed resistance to the United States. British support for Indian raids[ edit ] Indians based in the Northwest Territory , comprising the modern states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, had organized in opposition to American settlement, and were being supplied with weapons by British traders in Canada. Britain was not trying to provoke a war, and at one point cut its allocations of gunpowder to the tribes, but it was trying to build up its fur trade and friendly relations with potential military allies. There is ample proof that the British authorities did all in their power to hold or win the allegiance of the Indians of the Northwest with the expectation of using them as allies in the event of war. Indian allegiance could be held only by gifts, and to an Indian no gift was as acceptable as a lethal weapon. Guns and ammunition, tomahawks and scalping knives were dealt out with some liberality by British agents. The American expansion into the Northwestâ€”Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsinâ€”was being blocked by Indians and that was a major cause animating the Westerners. American historian Walter Nugent in his history of American expansionism argues that expansion into the Midwest "was not the only American objective, and indeed not the immediate one area but it was an objective. The American desire for Canadian land has been a staple in Canadian public opinion since the s, and was much discussed among historians before , but has become less popular since then. The idea was first developed by Marxist historian Louis M. Hacker and refined by diplomatic specialist Julius Pratt. To this day the notion still survives among Canadians. The Federalist party was strongly opposed to war and to annexation, as were the northeastern states. The majority in Congress was held by the Jeffersonian Republican party, which split on the issue. One faction wanted to permanently expel Britain and annex Canada. John Randolph of Roanoke , representing Virginia, commented, "Agrarian greed not maritime right urges this war. War was declared with no mention of annexation although widespread support existed among the War Hawks for it. Some Southerners supported expansionism; Tennessee Senator Felix Grundy considered it essential to acquire Canada to preserve domestic political balance, arguing that annexing Canada would maintain the free state-slave state balance, which might otherwise be thrown off by the acquisition of Florida and the settlement of the southern areas of the new Louisiana Purchase. American commanders like General William Hull and Alexander Smythe issued proclamations to Canadians and their troops assuring them that annexations would in fact occur during the war. Smythe wrote to his troops that when they entered Canada "You enter a country that is to become one with the United States. You will arrive among a people who are to become your fellow-citizens. Given British

control of the oceans, there was no other way to actively fight against British interests. President Madison believed that food supplies from Canada were essential to the British overseas empire in the West Indies, and that an American seizure would be an excellent bargaining chip at the peace conference. During the war, some Americans speculated that they might as well keep all of Canada. Thomas Jefferson, for example, although now out of power, argued that expulsion of British interests from nearby Canada would remove a long-term threat to American republicanism. New Zealand historian J. Stagg argues that Madison and his advisers believed that conquest of Canada would be easy and that economic coercion would force the British to come to terms by cutting off the food supply for their highly valuable West Indies sugar colonies. Furthermore, possession of Canada would be a valuable bargaining chip. Stagg suggests frontiersmen demanded the seizure of Canada not because they wanted the land they had plenty, but because the British were thought to be arming the Indians and thereby blocking settlement of the west. The conquest of Canada was primarily a means of waging war, not a reason for starting it. Stagg states that, "But it was an objective", [34] and that "The American yearning to absorb Canada was long-standing. In it became part of a grand strategy. The Loyalists were extremely hostile to union with the U. The Canadian colonies were thinly populated and only lightly defended by the British Army, and some Americans believed that the many in Upper Canada would rise up and greet an American invading army as liberators. Once the war began retired president Thomas Jefferson warned that the British presence posed a grave threat, pointing to "The infamous intrigues of Great Britain to destroy our government Jefferson predicted in late 1800, "the acquisition of Canada this year, as far as the neighborhood of Quebec, will be a mere matter of marching, and will give us the experience for the attack on Halifax, the next and final expulsion of England from the American continent. Maass agrees that theoretically expansionism might have tempted Americans, but finds that "leaders feared the domestic political consequences of doing so. Notably, what limited expansionism there was focused on sparsely populated western lands rather than the more populous eastern settlements [of Canada]. Furthermore, Americans complained loudly that British agents in Canada were supplying munitions to hostile Native American tribes living in United States territory. Starting in the mid-1800s the Royal Navy, short of manpower, began boarding American merchant ships in order to seize American and British sailors from American vessels. Although this policy of impressment was supposed to reclaim only British subjects, the law of Britain and most countries defined nationality by birth whereas the United States allowed individuals who had been resident in America for some time to adopt American citizenship. There were, therefore, large numbers of individuals who were British by British law but American by American law. The confusion was compounded by the refusal of Jefferson and Madison to issue any official citizenship documents: This stance was motivated by the advice of Albert Gallatin, who had calculated that half of American deep-sea merchant seamen - 9,000 men - were British subjects. Allowing the Royal Navy to reclaim these men would destroy both the US economy and the vital customs revenue of the government. To fill the need for some sort of identification, US consuls provided unofficial papers. However, these relied on unverifiable declarations by the individual concerned for evidence of citizenship, and the large fees paid for the documents made them a lucrative sideline. In turn, British officers - short of personnel and convinced, not entirely unreasonably, that the US flag covered a large number of British deserters - tended to treat such papers with scorn. Between 1800 and about 1810, 6,000 seamen were impressed and taken against their will into the Royal Navy [44] of which 3,000 were subsequently released. Americans talked incessantly about the need for force in response. Jefferson initiated economic warfare, especially in the form of embargoing or refusing to sell products to Britain. It proved a failure, that did not deter the British but it seriously damaged American industry and had alienated the mercantile cities of the Northeast that were so seriously hurt. Historians have demonstrated the motive power of honor in shaping public opinion in a number of states, including Massachusetts, [50] Ohio, [51] Pennsylvania, [52] [53] Tennessee, [54] and Virginia, [55] as well as the territory of Michigan. Historian Lance Banning says: National honour, the reputation of republican government, and the continuing supremacy of the Republican party had seemed to be at stake. National honour had [now] been satisfied. Americans celebrated the end of the struggle with a brilliant burst of national pride. They felt that they had fought a second war for independence, and had won. If little had been gained, nothing had been lost in a contest for the greatest imperial power on the earth. Nevertheless, the practice

ended because the Napoleonic wars had ended and the Royal Navy no longer required as many men. The war hawks came from the West and the South, regions that had supported economic warfare and were suffering the most from British restrictions at sea. The merchants of New England earned large profits from the wartime carrying trade, in spite of the numerous captures by both France and England, but the western and southern farmers, who looked longingly at the export market, were suffering a depression that made them demand war". Only one was a British citizen and he was subsequently hanged; the other three were American citizens and were later returned, though the last two not until . The American public was outraged by the incident, and many called for war in order to assert American sovereignty and national honor. The Chesapeake-Leopard Affair followed closely on the similar Leander Affair , which had resulted in President Jefferson banning certain British warships and their captains from American ports and waters. Whether in response to this incident or the Chesapeake-Leopard Affair, President Jefferson banned all foreign armed vessels from American waters, except those bearing dispatches. From to , about American ships were seized as a result. This discontent contributed to the calling of the Hartford Convention in . The Embargo Act had no effect on Great Britain and France and was replaced by the Non-Intercourse Act of , which lifted all embargoes on American shipping except for those bound for British or French ports. This lifted all embargoes but offered that if either France or Great Britain were to cease their interference with American shipping, the United States would reinstate an embargo on the other nation. Napoleon, seeing an opportunity to make trouble for Great Britain, promised to leave American ships alone, and the United States reinstated the embargo with Great Britain and moved closer to declaring war. Government after the treaty between Quashquame and William Henry Harrison. This treaty ceded Sauk territory in Illinois and Missouri to the U. The establishment of Fort Madison in on the Mississippi further aggravated the Sauk, and led many, including Black Hawk , to side with the British before the war broke out. Oxford historian Paul Langford looks at the decisions by the British government in . The British ambassador in Washington [Erskine] brought affairs almost to an accommodation, and was ultimately disappointed not by American intransigence but by one of the outstanding diplomatic blunders made by a Foreign Secretary. It was Canning who, in his most irresponsible manner and apparently out of sheer dislike of everything American, recalled the ambassador Erskine and wrecked the negotiations, a piece of most gratuitous folly. As a result, the possibility of a new embarrassment for Napoleon turned into the certainty of a much more serious one for his enemy. Though the British cabinet eventually made the necessary concessions on the score of the Orders-in-Council , in response to the pressures of industrial lobbying at home, its action came too late. The loss of the North American markets could have been a decisive blow. As it was by the time the United States declared war, the Continental System [of Napoleon] was beginning to crack, and the danger correspondingly diminishing. Even so, the war, inconclusive though it proved in a military sense, was an irksome and expensive embarrassment which British statesman could have done much more to avert. Calhoun of South Carolina. The War Hawks advocated going to war against Great Britain for all of the reasons listed above, though concentrating on the grievances more than the territorial expansion. Congress , recounting American grievances against Great Britain, though not specifically calling for a declaration of war. The conflict formally began on 18 June when Madison signed the measure into law. This was the first time that the United States had declared war on another nation, and the Congressional vote would prove to be the closest vote to declare war in American history.

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*The War of , a war between the United States and Great Britain from to , was primarily an offshoot of a larger ongoing conflict in Europe, the Napoleonic Wars ().*

While they had expected little from their tiny navy, the American people had assumed that Canada could be easily overrun. President Thomas Jefferson dismissively referred to the conquest of Canada as "a matter of marching. This would be the focus of the three pronged attacks by the Americans in Although cutting the St. The British scored an important early success, when their detachment at Saint Joseph Island on Lake Huron learned of the declaration of war before the nearby American garrison at the important trading post at Mackinac Island in Michigan did. A scratch force landed on the island on July 17 , and mounted a gun overlooking the fort. The Americans, taken by surprise, surrendered. This early victory encouraged the Indians, and large numbers of them moved to help the British at Amherstburg. The American Brigadier General William Hull had invaded Canada on July 12 , from Detroit , with an army mainly composed of militiamen, but turned back after his supply lines were threatened in the Battles of Brownstown and Monguagon. British Major General Isaac Brock sent false correspondence and allowed it to be captured by the Americans, saying they required only 5, Native warriors to capture Detroit. Hull surrendered at Detroit on August Brock promptly transferred himself to the eastern end of Lake Erie , where the American General Stephen Van Rensselaer was attempting a second invasion. Brock fell in action on October 13 at the Battle of Queenston Heights , where the Americans were defeated largely because the militia refused to reinforce the regulars, citing Constitutional reasons. A final attempt in by the American General Henry Dearborn to advance north from Lake Champlain failed ingloriously when his militia too refused to advance beyond American territory. In contrast to the American militia, the Canadian militia performed well. French-Canadians , who found the anti-Catholic stance of most of the United States troublesome, and United Empire Loyalists , who had fought for the Crown during the American Revolutionary War and had settled primarily in Upper Canada , strongly opposed the American invasion. He set out to retake Detroit, which was now defended by Colonel Henry Procter in conjunction with Tecumseh. Procter left the prisoners in custody of a few American Indians, who then proceeded to execute perhaps as many as 60 American prisoners, an event which became known as the "River Raisin Massacre. Powell shows Perry transferring to a different ship during the battle. American reinforcements arriving during the siege were defeated by the Indians, but the fort held out. Indians began to withdraw, forcing Procter and Tecumseh to return to Canada. A second offensive against Fort Meigs also failed in July. In an attempt to improve Indian morale, Procter and Tecumseh attempted to storm Fort Stephenson , a small American post on the Sandusky River, only to be repulsed with serious losses, marking the end of the Ohio campaign. His decisive victory ensured American control of the lake, improved American morale after a series of defeats, and compelled the British to fall back from Detroit. This paved the way for General Harrison to launch another invasion of Canada, which culminated in the U. The Americans would control Detroit and Amherstburg for the duration of the war. The Americans, who had far greater shipbuilding facilities than the Canadians, nevertheless had not taken advantage of this before the war, and had fallen behind. However, Kingston was strategically more valuable, and vital to British supply and communications along the St. Without control of Kingston, the American navy could not effectively control Lake Ontario or sever the British supply line from Quebec. On May 27 , an American amphibious force from Lake Ontario assaulted Fort George on the northern end of the River Niagara and captured it without serious losses. The retreating British forces were not pursued, however, until they had largely escaped and organized a counter-offensive against the advancing Americans at the Battle of Stony Creek on June 5. On June 24 , with the help of advance warning by Loyalist Laura Secord , another American force was bluffed into surrender by a much smaller British and Indian force at the Battle of Beaver Dams , marking the end of the American offensive into Central Canada. Three naval engagements in August and September led to no decisive result. Lawrence , a first-rate ship of the line of guns which gave him superiority, and the British became masters of Lake Ontario. The Americans made little attempt to bar the Saint Lawrence to British traffic at the point where

it was also the frontier between Canada and the United States. British supplies and reinforcements were able to move to Upper Canada with little difficulty. Early in , there was a series of raids and counter-raids between Prescott in Canada and Ogdensburg on the American side of the river. When he left the next day, the reinforcements attacked and looted Ogdensburg. For the rest of the year, Ogdensburg had no American garrison and the British freely obtained goods there. Late in , after much argument, the Americans made two thrusts against Montreal. Hampton was delayed by bad roads and supply problems. After learning that Hampton had been checked, Wilkinson heard that a British force under Captain William Mulcaster was pursuing him, and by November 10 he was forced to land near Morrisburg, Ontario , about kilometers from Montreal. Wilkinson subsequently retreated back to the US after learning that Hampton was unable to renew his advance. Their renewed attack on the Niagara peninsula quickly captured Fort Erie. Winfield Scott then gained a decisive victory over an equal British force at the Battle of Chippewa on July 5. The Americans withdrew but withstood a prolonged Siege of Fort Erie. The British raised the siege, but lack of provisions forced the Americans to retreat across the Niagara. Meanwhile, veteran British troops no longer needed in Europe began arriving in North America. He hoped to gain a significant victory in order to give Britain bargaining power in the ongoing peace negotiations. Theodore Roosevelt termed it the greatest naval battle of the war. When he arrived at Michilimackinac with reinforcements, he sent an expedition to recapture the trading post of Prairie du Chien in the far West. In , the Americans sent a force of six vessels from Detroit to recapture Fort Mackinac. A mixed force of regulars and volunteers from the militia landed on the island on July 4. They did not attempt to achieve surprise, and while marching to attack the fort, were ambushed by Indians and forced to re-embark. The Americans now discovered the new base at Nottawasaga Bay, and on August 13 , they destroyed its fortifications and a schooner there. They then returned to Detroit, leaving two gunboats to blockade Michilimackinac. On September 4 , these gunboats were taken unawares and captured by boarding parties from canoes and small boats. These prizes now re-established the supply line from Nottawasaga Bay. In this distant theatre, the British retained the upper hand till the end of the war. The British government, having need of American foodstuffs for its army in Spain, was willing to benefit from the willingness of the New Englanders to trade with them, and so no blockade of New England was at first attempted. The Delaware and Chesapeake were declared in a state of blockade on December 26 , This was extended to the whole coast south of Narragansett by November , and to the whole American coast on May 31 , In the meantime much illicit trade was carried on by collusive captures arranged between American traders and British officers. American ships were fraudulently transferred to neutral flags. Eventually the United States government was driven to issue orders for the purpose of stopping illicit trading. This only helped to further ruin the commerce of the country. The overpowering strength of the British fleet enabled it to occupy the Chesapeake, and to attack and destroy numerous docks and harbors. The expedition was carried out between August 19 and August 29 , On the 24th, the inexperienced American militia who had collected at Bladensburg , Maryland to protect the capital were soundly defeated, opening the route to Washington. President James Madison was forced to flee to Virginia, and American morale was reduced to an all-time low. The subsequent Battle of Baltimore began with a British landing at North Point, but the attack was repulsed. The defense of the fort inspired the American lawyer Francis Scott Key to write a poem that would eventually supply the lyrics to " The Star-Spangled Banner ," the national anthem of the United States. While some of the Creeks had been British allies in the past, the fighting was related to control of Creek land in Alabama rather than the British-American conflict. On March 26 , Jackson and General John Coffee fought the Creeks at Horseshoe Bend , killing of 1, Creeks at a cost of 49 killed and wounded of approximately 2, American and Cherokee forces. Jackson pursued the surviving Creeks to Wetumpka , near present-day Montgomery , Alabama, where they surrendered. As one historian write, We speak of the War of , but in truth there were two wars. The war between the Americans and the British ended with the treaty of Ghent. The war between the Big Knives [American frontiersmen] and the Indians began at Tippecanoe, and arguably did not run its course until the last Red Sticks were defeated in the Florida swamps in Between December and January , he defended the city against a force led by Major-General Sir Edward Pakenham , who was killed in an assault on January 8 , The Battle of New Orleans was hailed as a great victory in the United States, making Andrew

Jackson a national hero, eventually propelling him to the presidency. Meanwhile, diplomats in Ghent , Belgium signed the Treaty of Ghent on December 24 , , paving the way for the official end of the war. News of the treaty had not reached New Orleans, because of the slow nature of international communications. On February 17 , , President Madison signed the American ratification of the Treaty of Ghent, and the treaty was proclaimed the following day. By the terms of the treaty, all land captured by either side was returned to the previous owner, the Americans received fishing rights in the gulf of the St. Lawrence River , and all outstanding debts and property taken was to be returned or paid for in full. Later that year, John Quincy Adams complained that British naval commanders had violated the terms of the treaty by not returning American slaves captured during the war, since the British did not recognize slaves as property [1] [ edit ]

Consequences of the war The Treaty of Ghent established the status quo ante bellum ; there were no territorial concessions made by either side. Relations between the United States and Britain would remain peaceful, if not entirely tranquil, throughout the 19th century. A border dispute between the state of Maine and the province of New Brunswick was settled in the Aroostook War in the s. The issue of impressing American seamen was made moot when the Royal Navy subsequently stopped impressment after the defeat of Napoleon. This war was also the first and only time since its independence that the US Capital was invaded and occupied. The morale of the citizens was high because they had fought one of the great military powers of the world and managed to survive, which increased feelings of nationalism; the war has often been called the "Second War of Independence. A significant military development was the increased emphasis by General Winfield Scott on improved professionalism in the U. This new professionalism would become apparent during the Mexican-American War â€” In a related development, the Army Corps of Engineers which at that time controlled West Point , began building fortifications around New Orleans , as a response to the British attack on the city during the war. This effort then grew into numerous civil river works, especially in the s and s under General Pierre Beauregard. The Corps continues to be the authority over Mississippi and other river works to this day. The War of had a dramatic effect on the manufacturing capabilities of the United States. The British blockade of the American coast created a shortage of cotton cloth in the United States, leading to the creation of a cotton-manufacturing industry, beginning at Waltham, Massachusetts by Francis Cabot Lowell. The Southwestern campaign led to increasing contact and conflict with the Seminole tribes in Florida.

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Both the British and American troops were unaware of the peace treaty that had been signed between the two countries in Ghent, Belgium, a few weeks prior, and so the Battle of New Orleans occurred despite the agreements made across the Atlantic. In the autumn of 1814, a British fleet of more than 50 ships commanded by Gen. Edward Pakenham sailed into the Gulf of Mexico and prepared to attack New Orleans, strategically located at the mouth of the Mississippi River. The British hoped to seize New Orleans in an effort to expand into territory acquired by the United States through the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. On December 19, 1814, Gen. Andrew Jackson, commander of the Seventh Military District, hastened to the defense of the city. Once Jackson arrived in New Orleans, notice came that the British had been sighted near Lake Borgne, east of the city. In response, Jackson declared martial law, requiring every weapon and able-bodied man around to defend the city. These defensive structures proved vital to the success of the United States in the battle. The battle itself was fought just outside New Orleans, on the Chalmette Plantation, where the Americans split into two defensive positions: Jackson took command of the eastern bank, with some 4,000 troops and eight batteries lined behind a parapet that stretched along the Rodriguez Canal. On the western bank, Gen. David Morgan was in charge of about 1,000 troops and 16 cannons. After a number of smaller-scale skirmishes between the forces, the Americans waited for a full-blown British attack. On the morning of January 8, 1815, Pakenham commanded approximately 8,000 British troops to move forward and break through the American defensive lines. As they moved into range, the British took heavy fire and quickly lost Pakenham to a fatal wound. The British, now commanded by Gen. John Lambert, suffered a decisive loss on the eastern bank. Lambert then withdrew all troops from the western bank. The battle lasted about two hours. Despite being outnumbered, the Americans wounded approximately 2,000 British soldiers while suffering less than 65 casualties of their own. Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. LC-USZC4-000000 Though the battle had no effect on the outcome of the war which had been decided weeks earlier in Ghent, it gave Jackson the platform of support needed to eventually win the presidency in 1829.

## 5: Encyclopedia Of The War Of by David S. Heidler

*The War of (which lasted from to ) was a military conflict between the United States and Great Britain. As a colony of Great Britain, Canada was swept up in the War of and was invaded several times by the Americans.*

War of Randal Rust T War of Written by Thomas Kanon 3 minutes to read When the United States declared war on Great Britain in June , Tennesseans proudly proclaimed their readiness to preserve the honor and dignity of their country. It seemed unlikely that landlocked Tennessee would be concerned about British violations of maritime rights and impressment of American seamen. The thirst for expansion, specifically for British-owned Canada in the North, and the southern desire for Spanish-held Florida drew Tennesseans into the conflict. The acquisition of Florida would open economic possibilities through the Gulf Coast ports via the river systems of Alabama, at this time part of the Mississippi Territory and claimed by the Creek Indians. For decades, the Creeks had become increasingly intermingled with white culture through marriage and the adoption of commercial agriculture. Indian aggression along the frontier, encouraged by Britain and Spain, alarmed American settlers; then an attack on whites and friendly Indians at Fort Mims near Mobile, Alabama on August 30, , stirred the outraged populace into action. The Creek War thereby became intertwined with the War of Beginning in November , a series of encounters with the Red Sticks culminated in the battle of Horseshoe Bend on March 27, This battle left over Creeks dead and ended the threat of a Creek invasion. Throughout the Creek War, the Indians were out-manned, inadequately armed, and lacking in military discipline. Nevertheless, the victories won during the Creek War were acclaimed enthusiastically by a nation experiencing military setbacks in the North. As a reward for his efforts, Jackson was commissioned a major general in the United States Regular Army. His treaty with the defeated Creeks at Fort Jackson in August forced that tribe to forfeit nearly two-thirds of its land about 23 million acres , which soon filled with white settlers. Jackson next pressed on into West Florida, securing Pensacola by the end of This hodgepodge army, composed of backwoods militia from Tennessee and Kentucky, U. Tennessee troops under General William Carroll and the ever-present Coffee also played an active role in this American victory. Although much has been made of the fact that this battle occurred after the peace treaty was signed December 24, , it should be noted that the treaty was not ratified until February This victory catapulted Andrew Jackson to hero status throughout the country and started a political ascent that led Jackson to the presidency. In addition to Jackson, several prominent Tennesseans played a vital role in the War of James Winchester, a resident of Sumner County, was commissioned a brigadier general and led an unsuccessful invasion of Canada. Edmund Pendleton Gaines, an East Tennessean, rose to the rank of major general for his role in defeating the British at Fort Erie in Sam Houston and Davy Crockett, future legendary heroes, played minor roles in the war against the Creeks. It also broke the power of the southern tribes and led to their eventual removal, opening vast tracts of land for white settlers to exploit. Because of its political and military prominence during the war, Tennessee, for the first time, was cast into the national spotlight. Suggested Reading Frank Owsley Jr.

*The Encyclopedia of the War of A Political, Social, and Military History dedicates entries totaling some , words to this important American war. It is the most comprehensive and significant reference work available on the subject.*

The War of 1812 Gale Encyclopedia of U. Impressment a form of naval conscription generated more controversy and greater outrage than any other aspect of naval life in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. During peacetime, the Royal Navy , along with most national navies, relied on volunteers to man its ships. In 1793, the last year of European peace before the wars stemming from the French Revolutionary Wars , only 20,000 sailors were required. When Great Britain joined the wars against France in 1793, the number of sailors needed jumped dramatically. By the end of 1793, the Royal Navy needed 73,000 sailors, and in 1805, after twenty years of warfare, the Royal Navy had swelled to 140,000 seamen. To meet this manpower need, the Royal Navy used impressment involuntary recruitment into the Royal Navy. There were strict rules over who was subject to impressment and who was not. The object was to find men capable of sailing a ship. Seamanship was a skilled trade, and while a warship could use some unskilled landsmen, the real need was for those that knew which lines to pull handle , knew how to work with sails reefing , and knew how to stand a watch at a tiller or wheel steer. Only mariners subject to the British crown could be pressed into service. Some maritime activities fishermen or watermen those who handled small boats in harbors and rivers were also exempt, as were the officers and petty officers of merchant vessels. Any other British sailor could be seized and forced to serve on a Royal Navy ship for the duration of the time the ship remained in commission. While impressment sounds harsh, it differed little from military conscription used by the United States during the Civil War and in the twentieth century. It worked well for most of the eighteenth century, when few naval wars lasted more than four years. Conditions aboard a British warship, while difficult by modern standards, were actually easier than those on the average merchant vessel of the same period. Impressment was ill adapted to a long war, however. By 1812, Britain had been at war with France for more than a decade. The pool of available sailors was drained, and the war seemed to have no end. Service in the Royal Navy appeared to be a life sentence, discouraging volunteers. Royal Navy captains became increasingly desperate to find men. Sometimes they illegally pressed landsmen. Other captains gave in to the temptation to impress American sailors. Often, those Americans had been born in Britain and immigrated to the United States. In the eyes of the Royal Navy, such sailors were still British and subject to impressment. Some British officers made honest mistakes. It was difficult to differentiate between the accents of someone born in New England part of the United States from someone born in Nova Scotia part of Canada. On other occasions, Royal Navy officers simply did not care. The tariff of a few sailors was a small price for that protection and the money the United States made as a neutral carrier. Quite reasonably, the United States did not see things the same way. American citizens had no obligation to serve in the Royal Navy, even if those American citizens had been born British. In 1800, all Americans over the age of thirty-one had been born British citizens. Failure to protect the rights of its citizens could lead to a loss of American sovereignty, something about which the young republic was highly sensitive. Neither side would yield. The British were willing to return native-born Americans, but needed men too badly to concede immunity to Britons claiming to be American, even those that had legitimately moved to the United States. Taken with incidents where overzealous Royal Navy captains pursued deserters onto American soil, or on one occasion onto an American Navy warship, and there was a complaint worth fighting over. As with much associated with the War of 1812, the impressment issue was not resolved by the war or the peace treaty. Britain was at peace with every nation except the United States by 1814. It would not again need conscription until World War I began in 1914. Yet it never forswore either impressment or the right to conscript British sailors who became American citizens. Durand was born in Connecticut in 1780. He took to a life at sea, serving on numerous merchant vessels and three American warships. He was serving as mate aboard a British merchant ship when caught by a press gang in Plymouth harbor, in England. The frigate *Narcissus* badly needed men, and his claim of being an American was ignored since he was on a British ship. In his memoirs, Durand gives a vivid account of being impressed: They boarded our brig and came below

where I was asleep. With much abuse, they hauled me out of my bed, not suffering me to put on or take anything except my trowsers. In this miserable condition I was taken on board their ship but did not think to be detained there for seven years.

**Trade Restrictions** A major cause of the War of was trade restrictions. While the plight of impressed sailors struck an emotional chord, it affected few. British alliances with the Native Americans only affected those on the frontier, another minority. Few in the United States would profit from adding Canada to the country. However, trade affected the lives of all Americans. When trade flowed freely, the whole of the United States prospered. When trade was restricted, the entire country suffered. By , Europe had been at war for almost two decades. The two main antagonists, Great Britain and France, could not defeat the other through force of arms. The war had stalemated in the late s. In the early nineteenth century, there were conflicting views about what type of trade was allowed. Everyone agreed that a nation at war had the right to stop and capture ships that belonged to nations with which it was fighting. Beyond that was confusion about the rights of ships of neutral nations. The United States held to a theory originated by the Dutch, that free ships meant free goods. In other words, a neutral ship could carry any cargo to any port. Nations with small navies and large merchant fleets liked this doctrine because it allowed them to carry goods into blockaded ports. The major European nations rejected this doctrine, as would the United States once it developed a powerful navy. They held that belligerent nations had the right to blockade enemy ports and to seize neutral ships carrying military cargoes to enemy countries.

**Trade Legislation** The British carried this one step further with the Rule of "which was first used in a war started that year. It stated that trade closed to a nation in time of peace could not be opened during wartime. If France did not let the United States carry sugar from Guadeloupe to Bordeaux during peacetime, the British could seize American ships doing that when Britain and France were at war. While the United States officially held to its free ships"free goods position, it recognized these accepted European rules of blockade, including the Rule of The United States was unwilling to fight for unlimited access to belligerent ports. Then the French and British changed the rules. It stated that no ship could sail directly to French-controlled portions of Europe directly from England or an English colony. If it did, it would be seized in port. This, and the subsequent Milan Decree, further restricted neutral trade with Britain and formed the heart of what Napoleon called the Continental System. It issued the First Order-in-Council in January , which forbade neutral ships from trading between enemy ports"even if the cargo carried were allowed during peacetime. At the time, the United States was the only neutral country with a significant merchant fleet. Then, in November , the Second Order-in-Council required neutral shipping cargoes to the European continent to stop in Britain first. Ship owners were thus forced to abide by either the Second Order-in-Council or the Berlin Decree; it was impossible to comply with one without violating the other. The United States countered these actions with the Embargo Act in It closed United States ports to international commerce. It threw the United States into a deep recession, because much of the economy was based on foreign trade. It failed to coerce either Britain or France to change its policies. Realizing this, the Embargo Act was repealed in In , Britain again modified its trade policies. This actually had an adverse affect on the British economy, because it blocked British shippers from trading with European nations that were allied with France but were not fighting Britain. It banned trade with Britain and France while they blocked United States shipping. It was as ineffective at modifying British and French policy as the Embargo Act. It had less effect on the United States economy than the Embargo Act, however, because it was easy to evade. Merchants simply claimed to be sailing for a destination not barred by the Act. They then went to a British or French port due to some purported emergency that forced them to anchor. While there, they sold their cargo, claiming their host would not allow them to leave with it. Because it was ineffective, the U. Congress modified the law in by passing the Non-Importation Act. It forbade imports from countries that blockaded United States ships. It, too, failed to modify British trade policy.

**War Erupts** Congress resorted to the only action that could affect British behavior: It wanted to avoid a North American distraction. The reason was the same"it hurt the country initiating the rule more than its intended victim.

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*War of After its success in achieving independence with the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783, the United States hoped to avoid conflict with European countries. However, in 1803 France declared war on Great Britain, both of which then began harassing American shipping along the east coast, including Maine, and in the West Indies.*

The Royal Navy did enforce the act from 1805 to 1806, especially in the Caribbean Sea, before the signing of the Jay Treaty November 19, 1794. Under the primary terms of the treaty, American maritime commerce was given trading privileges in England and the British East Indies, Britain agreed to evacuate forts still held in the Northwest Territory by June 1, 1796, and the Mississippi River was declared freely open to both countries. Although the treaty was ratified by both countries, it was highly unpopular in the United States and was one of the rallying points used by the pro-French Republicans, led by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, in wresting power from the pro-British Federalists, led by George Washington and John Adams. After Jefferson became president in 1800, relations with Britain slowly deteriorated, and systematic enforcement of the Rule of 1756 resumed after 1803. Compounding this troubling development, the decisive British naval victory at the Battle of Trafalgar October 21, 1805, and efforts by the British to blockade French ports prompted the French emperor, Napoleon, to cut off Britain from European and American trade. The British responded with Orders in Council November 11, 1807, that required neutral ships to obtain licenses at English ports before trading with France or French colonies. In turn, France announced the Milan Decree December 17, 1807, which strengthened the Berlin Decree by authorizing the capture of any neutral vessel that had submitted to search by the British. The British accosted American merchant ships to seize alleged Royal Navy deserters, carrying off thousands of U.S. sailors. In the frigate H. Leopard fired on the U.S. Navy frigate Chesapeake and seized four sailors, three of them U.S. sailors. London eventually apologized for this incident, but it came close to causing war at the time. Jefferson, however, chose to exert economic pressure against Britain and France by pushing Congress in December 1807 to pass the Embargo Act, which forbade all export shipping from U.S. In August 1809, Napoleon insinuated that he would exempt American shipping from the Berlin and Milan decrees. Although the British demonstrated that French restrictions continued, U.S. James Madison reinstated nonintercourse against Britain in November 1809, thereby moving one step closer to war. British manufacturing and shipping interests demanded that the Royal Navy promote and sustain British trade against Yankee competitors. The policy born of that attitude convinced many Americans that they were being consigned to a de facto colonial status. Events on the U.S. Indian fears over American encroachment coincidentally became conspicuous as Anglo-American tensions grew. Shawnee brothers Tecumseh and Tenskwatawa The Prophet attracted followers arising from this discontent and attempted to form an Indian confederation to counteract American expansion. Isaac Brock, the British commander of Upper Canada modern Ontario, had orders to avoid worsening American frontier problems, American settlers blamed British intrigue for heightened tensions with Indians in the Northwest Territory. As war loomed, Brock sought to augment his meagre regular and Canadian militia forces with Indian allies, which was enough to confirm the worst fears of American settlers. Meanwhile, Canadians suspected that American expansionists were using Indian unrest as an excuse for a war of conquest. Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Congress into session in November 1809 Madison sent a war message to the U.S. Congress on June 1, 1812, and signed the declaration of war on June 18, 1812. The vote seriously divided the House 79-49 and was gravely close in the Senate 19-7. Because seafaring New Englanders opposed the war, while westerners and southerners supported it, Federalists accused war advocates of expansionism under the ruse of protecting American maritime rights. Expansionism, however, was not as much a motive as was the desire to defend American honour. The United States attacked Canada because it was British, but no widespread aspiration existed to incorporate the region. Furthermore, British commercial restrictions hurt American farmers by barring their produce from Europe. Regions seemingly removed from maritime concerns held a material interest in protecting neutral shipping. The onset of war both surprised and chagrined the British government, especially because it was preoccupied with the fight against France. In addition, political changes in Britain had already moved the government to assume a conciliatory posture toward the United States. British West Indies planters

had been complaining for years about the interdiction of U. On June 16, two days before the United States declared war, the Orders were suspended. Americans were inordinately optimistic in William Eustis, the U. The British government, preoccupied with the European conflict, saw American hostilities as a bothersome distraction, resulting in a paucity of resources in men, supplies, and naval presence until late in the event. As the British in Canada conducted operations under the shadow of scarcity, their only consolation was an American military malaise. Michigan territorial governor William Hull led U. The Northwest subsequently fell prey to Indian raids and British incursions led by Maj. On the northeastern border, U. Henry Dearborn could not attack Montreal because of uncooperative New England militias. In , Madison replaced Dearborn with Maj. James Wilkinson and Wade Hampton , an awkward arrangement made worse by a complicated invasion plan against Montreal. The generals refused to coordinate their efforts, and neither came close to Montreal. Tecumseh was killed during the battle, shattering his confederation and the Anglo-Indian alliance. Indian anger continued elsewhere, however, especially in the southeast where the Creek War erupted in between Creek Indian nativists known as Red Sticks and U. The war also took an ugly turn late in the year, when U. Battle of the ThamesU. Early in the war, the small U. The British Admiralty responded by instructing captains to avoid individual contests with Americans, and within a year the Royal Navy had blockaded important American ports, bottling up U. George Cockburn also conducted raids on the shores of Chesapeake Bay. Phineas Riall advanced to challenge the American invasion, but American regulars commanded by Scott repulsed him at the Battle of Chippewa July 5, That summer, veterans under Canadian governor-general George Prevost marched south along the shores of Lake Champlain into New York, but they returned to Canada after Thomas Macdonough defeated a British squadron under Capt. British raids in Chesapeake Bay directed by Adm. Alexander Cochrane were more successful. The British justified this action as retaliation for the American destruction of York modern Toronto , the capital of Upper Canada, the previous year. Battle of Plattsburgh Bay, Sept. At about 8 pm on the evening of Aug. Robert Ross marched into Washington, D. Encountering neither resistance nor any U. Final stages of the war and the aftermath Immediately after the war started, the tsar of Russia offered to mediate. London refused, but early British efforts for an armistice revealed a willingness to negotiate so that Britain could turn its full attention to Napoleon. Talks began at Ghent in modern Belgium in August , but, with France defeated, the British stalled while waiting for news of a decisive victory in America. Most Britons were angry that the United States had become an unwitting ally of Napoleon, but even that sentiment was half-hearted among a people who had been at war in Europe for more than 20 years. Consequently, after learning of Plattsburgh and Baltimore and upon the advice of the Duke of Wellington , commander of the British army at the Battle of Waterloo , the British government moved to make peace. Americans abandoned demands about ending impressment the end of the European war meant its cessation anyway , and the British dropped attempts to change the Canadian boundary and establish an Indian barrier state in the Northwest. The commissioners signed a treaty on December 24, Based on the status quo antebellum the situation before the war , the Treaty of Ghent did not resolve the issues that had caused the war, but at that point Britain was too weary to win it, and the U. Nevertheless, many Americans became convinced that they had won the contest. The unanimous ratification by the U. Senate of the Treaty of Ghent and the celebrations that followed cloaked the fact that the United States had achieved none of its objectives. LC-DIG-pga Contention in the United States had hobbled the war effort, and domestic disaffection had menaced the Union, but after the war a surge of patriotism inspired Americans to pursue national goals. Contrary to American expectations, Canada remained British and eventually developed its own national identity, partly from pride over repulsing U. In the South, the Creek War opened a large part of that region for settlement and led to the events that persuaded Spain to cede Florida to the United States in Its arrangements to settle outstanding disagreements established methods that could adapt to changing U. There lay the seeds of an Anglo-American comity that would weather future disagreements to sustain the longest unfortified border in the world.

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*The Creek War thereby became intertwined with the War of 1812. In September Tennessee Governor Willie Blount issued a call for 3,000 volunteers. Tennesseans' enthusiastic response initiated a tradition that gave the state its nickname of the "Volunteer State."*

The War [ change change source ] Fighting began when the United States started to attack the Canadian provinces beginning in 1812. This victory brought more Native Americans support. The British controlled the island, as well as northern Michigan. It is estimated that over 10,000 American soldiers were imprisoned in Quebec. The British launched offensives by Americans was too weak which made the British win. Isaac Brock died while this battle happened and later on, Roger Hale Sheaffe went to his position. Peace [ change change source ] The two countries signed the Treaty of Ghent, which was supposed to end the war, on December 24, 1814, in Belgium. Fighting continued into January because the combat forces did not know about the treaty. But no great changes took place. The British stopped impressing sailors because the Napoleonic Wars were finished. Most Americans heard of the victory in the Battle of New Orleans before they heard of the treaty. The Federalist Party, which had opposed the war, became disliked and disappeared. Who won the war? They chose the lesser of two evils and supported the British. They had little love of their former countrymen in the US but had become outnumbered by Americans who came North to settle. The issues are complex. Most scholars would agree it was fought over maritime issues. Former president Thomas Jefferson predicted the "acquisition of Canada, will be a mere matter of marching. The Canadians kept Canada so they won. The Americans feel they won, despite failing to take Canada, because they did keep what they had, and were free to defeat the Indians without British interference. Of all three, the British are perhaps the happiest because they have completely forgotten about it. Originally, many of these sailors had been "pressed" into service.

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*The War of was a conflict fought between the United States, the United Kingdom, and their respective allies from June to February*

As a colony of Great Britain, Canada was swept up in the War of and was invaded several times by the Americans. The peace treaty of Ghent , which ended the war, largely returned the status quo. Causes of the War of The origins of the War of were in the conflict that raged in Europe for almost two decades after Napoleon Bonaparte became First Consul later Emperor of France. On 21 November , Napoleon ordered a blockade of shipping the Berlin Decree aimed at crippling British trade. He ordered all European ports under his control closed to British ships and further decreed that neutral and French ships would be seized if they visited a British port before entering a continental port the so-called Continental System. Great Britain responded to Napoleon with a series of orders-in-council requiring all neutral ships to obtain a licence before they could sail to Europe. Following the victory of Lord Nelson at Trafalgar on 21 October , Great Britain had the sea power to enforce its blockade of France. For many years the Americans had grappled with the problems of being a neutral nation in the great European war. Tensions mounted as the British began stopping American ships from trading in Europe. Many of these deserters had taken jobs on American ships, but American certificates of citizenship made no impression on the British. Moreover, some British captains even tried to impress seize native-born Americans and put them into service on British ships. The battle between the British warship HMS Leopard left and the American warship US Chesapeake right on 22 June , in which the British attacked and boarded the Chesapeake, was a catalyst for all-out war a few years later painting by F. Muller, courtesy American Memory, Library of Congress. These maritime tensions exploded, literally, in off the shore of Chesapeake Bay. While a British naval squadron was watching the area for French ships, several British sailors deserted and promptly enlisted in the American navy. When the Chesapeake refused to heave to, the gun Leopard opened fire, killing three and injuring 18 of the crew. The British boarded and seized four men. Several years later, on 1 May , officers from the British ship HMS Guerriere impressed an American sailor from a coastal vessel, causing further tension. However, President James Madison was intrigued by the analysis of Major General Henry Dearborn that in the event of war, Canada would be easy pickings “ even that an invasion would be welcomed by the Canadians. In contrast, Upper Canada seemed to be an easy target. The population was predominantly American, and the province was lightly defended. Upper Canada was defended by about 1, British regulars, formed mostly from the 41st Regiment of Foot and detachments from other units. However, the badly outnumbered British were in fact better prepared than the Americans knew. Sakawaraton - John Smoke Johnson born ca. The conflict forced various Indigenous peoples to overcome longstanding differences and unite against a common enemy. It also strained alliances, such as the Iroquois Haudenosaunee Confederacy , in which some nations were allied with American forces. Tecumseh allied his forces with those of the British during the War of , and his active participation was crucial. Turner courtesy Metropolitan Toronto Library, J. Two Shawnee brothers, Tecumseh and Tenskwatawa , implored Indigenous peoples to unite in order to defend their dwindling lands against the growing incursions of American settlers and the United States government. The promise of such an Aboriginal state never came to fruition. Meeting of Isaac Brock and Tecumseh, painting by C. Soon they would become outnumbered by settlers in their own lands. Any social or political influence enjoyed before the war dissipated. But he was not prepared to simply wait passively for the Americans to act. He believed that a bold military stroke would galvanize the population and encourage First Nations to come to his side. The surprise capitulation of Fort Detroit in August, was preceded by a naval bombardment from the Detroit River. Tecumseh combined a passionate concern for his people with an acute strategic military sense. Outnumbered more than 10 to 1, Mohawk chiefs John Norton Teyoninhokarawen and John Brant Ahyonwaeghs and about 80 other Haudenosaunee and Delaware warriors held back American forces at Queenston Heights for several hours “ long enough for reinforcements to arrive so that the British could retain the crucial outpost. The only Americans in Canada were prisoners of war. With the death of Brock, British strategy was to act defensively and allow the invaders to make mistakes.

The company was disbanded on 24 March , following the end of the war. When grants were distributed in , veterans of the Coloured Corps received only acres, half that of their White counterparts. Many veterans did not settle the land they were granted because it was of poor quality. Despite these inequities, the Coloured Corps defended Canada honourably, setting the precedent for the formation of Black units in future see The Coloured Corps: Black Canadians and the War of 1812. A member of the 1st New Brunswick Regiment of Foot. Had the Americans succeeded, they might have gained greater control over Lake Ontario. As it was, neither side totally controlled that lake for the balance of the war. While this was the bleakest period of the war for the British, the military situation was not irretrievable. The American forces did not set out from Fort George until 2 June, allowing the British time to recover and prepare. In a fierce battle, the British dislodged the Americans, capturing two of their generals. The dispirited American force retired towards Niagara. The engagement at Stoney Creek returned the Niagara Peninsula to British and Canadian control and ended the US attempt to conquer the western part of the province painting by Peter Rindlisbacher. Finally, worn down by sickness, desertion and the departure of short-term soldiers, the American command evacuated Fort George on 10 December and quit Canada. War on the Western Flank 1814 The Americans fared better on the western flank. American commodore Oliver Hazard Perry , a bold seaman, used unorthodox tactics to turn defeat into victory and become the first man in history to capture an entire British fleet. The defeat was not fatal to the province, as Harrison could not follow up his victory his Kentuckians were eager to get back to their farms at harvest time , but it effectively ended the First Nations alliance. The Americans could potentially have struck a mortal blow against the British in Lower Canada, but their invading armies, which outnumbered the British 10 to 1, were led with almost incredible ineptitude by Generals James Wilkinson and Wade Hampton. The Voltigeurs were initially assigned to defend the Eastern Townships. Canadian Voltigeurs performing target practice, c. 1814. While they could not halt the invasion, days of skirmishing increased the cost, and Dearborn retreated days later. Fought in the pitch dark of a sultry night by exhausted troops who could not tell friend from foe, it ended in a stalemate. The American invasion was now effectively spent, and they withdrew to Fort Erie. Finally, on 5 November, the Americans again withdrew across the Niagara River , effectively ending the war in Upper Canada. By the middle of September, British forces held much of the Maine coast, which was returned to the US only with the signing of the peace treaty in December. However, Prevost was hesitant to attack, and the defeat of the British fleet in Plattsburgh Bay by the American commodore, Thomas Macdonough, on 11 September led Prevost to withdraw his troops. However, his withdrawal forced the British peace negotiators at Ghent to lower their demands and accept the status quo. When the treaty was signed on Christmas Eve , all conquests were to be restored and disputes over boundaries were deferred to joint commissions see Treaty of Ghent. Hostilities continued after the peace treaty was signed, however. Who Won or Lost the War of 1812? This did not happen. Lured northwards by free land and low taxes , most settlers wanted to be left alone. Canada owes its present shape to negotiations that grew out of the peace, while the war itself 1812 or the myths created by the war 1812 gave Canadians their first sense of community and laid the foundation for their future nationhood. To this extent the Canadians were the real winners of the War of 1812. For the Americans, the outcome was more ambiguous. Since the issues of impressment and maritime rights were not resolved in the peace treaty , the war could be considered a failure; however, the Americans had some spectacular victories at sea, which were indicators of the future potential of American power. If the winners are qualified, the losers are easier to identify. Similarly, in the related defeat of the Creek Nation, any hope of halting American expansion into First Nations territory effectively ended. While in Canada the First Nations fared better in preserving their land and culture, in the end the British abandoned their Indigenous allies in the peace, just as they had several times before. Stanley, The War of 1812 Land Operations ; J. A Military History , revised and updated by Donald E. Hickey, The War of 1812 Turner, The War of 1812 High Command in the Canadas ; George F. Stanley, La guerre de 1812 High Command in the Canadas

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