A Time of Conflict

The Barbary States

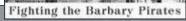
- Who is the US biggest trading partner? Europe!
 - We sold them crops and natural resources
 - We bought manufactured goods.
 - After the Revolution, <u>4 countries in Africa started</u> <u>attacking American ships</u>: Tunisia, Morocco, Algiers, and Tripoli.



THE BARBARY STATES

Pirates!

- Started <u>raiding European and American</u> <u>ships.</u>
- Took their property, enslaved sailors.
- How did <u>Europe</u> decide to stop the raids?
 - Pay tribute.
 - <u>Basically bribery</u>. <u>\$ paid</u> from one country to another <u>for protection</u>.



- The US paid for a while, until <u>TJ decided</u> they'd had enough.
- <u>Sent warships</u> to the Mediterranean to protect US ships.
- Doesn't go well at first. The <u>Philadelphia</u> ran aground near Tripoli, and its 300-man <u>crew was captured</u>.

Stephen Decatur

• Didn't want the pirates to use the ship, so... he led a crew of 60 sailors to the harbor and <u>burned the Philadelphia to</u> the waterline.

- A year later, a group of <u>Marines marched</u> 600 miles across the Sahara and captured <u>Tripoli.</u>
- They memorialized this in the Marine Corps anthem- From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli...
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jh5Ol T-cslQ

- This defeat helps to inspire the country.
- Showed the <u>US could defeat foreign</u> <u>powers</u> that threatened our security and prosperity.

Neutrality is Challenged

- Now <u>Britain and France get involved</u>.
- 1803- They are <u>back at war</u>. (Can't they just get along! Sheesh!)
- Listening to advice from GW, the <u>US stays</u> neutral.
- Continued to <u>trade with both</u> countries.

- Britain and France are looking for ways to hurt the other country.
- One way: <u>Cut off their foreign trade</u>. <u>British</u> <u>ships started capturing American ships</u> <u>trading with France</u>.
- French warships did the same to American ships trading with Britain.

• 1803-1807: France seized 500 US ships.

Britain captured over 1,000.

What would you do about it?

Impressed, but not impressed

- Britain needs sailors for its war against France. So, they <u>started impressing</u> <u>American sailors...again</u>.
- Jefferson is not impressed. (See what I did there??)

Embargo

- Jefferson tried to resolve things peacefully.
- His idea: Embargo.
 - Government order that forbids foreign trade.
 - Plan: Make them stop impressing US ships.
 - Reality: Lost a TON of money. Exports down from \$109 million to \$25 million.

Reaction

- <u>People are mad!!</u> <u>Crop prices are down,</u> which hurts planters and farmers.
- Tens of thousands lost their jobs.
- Embargo Act is <u>repealed in 1809</u>...just before TJ leaves office.
- New law: <u>We'll trade with everyone BUT Britain</u> and France. Won't trade with them until they respect our rights as a neutral nation.

Meanwhile in Indiana...

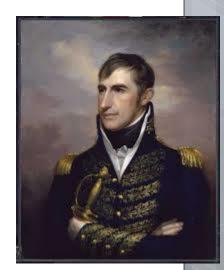
- Thousands and thousands of people are moving there.
- <u>Settled into Indiana</u>. <u>WAY negative impact on Native Americans</u>.
 - <u>Diseases</u> included small pox, measles, influenza
 - Cleared their farmland
 - Took over their land
 - Drove out deer and other animals they depended on.

New Leaders

- Especially impacted: The Shawnee.
- 1805: 2 brothers Tecumseh and Tenskwatawa (We'll call him the Prophet) urge the people to resist.
- Tecumseh organizes tribes into a league, to restore lands.

We need a hero!

- American leaders were worried about Tecumseh's actions.
- Governor of Indiana William Henry Harrison took action!
- He <u>marched 1,000 soldiers</u> against Shawnee villages on the Tippecanoe River. <u>Battle of Tippecanoe- defeats</u> <u>Native Americans.</u>
- Doesn't stop the war, however...



Creepy Historical Coincidence??

- William Henry Harrison and John Tyler ran for President in 1840. WHH became president in 1841. He ran with the slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too."
- Harrison gave the LONGEST inaugural speech ever, in the wind and rain. Caught a cold, died in office after a month. This starts Tecumseh's Curse... check this out.

Don't get elected in a 0 year!!

- 1860- Abraham Lincoln. Assassinated.
- 1880- James Garfield. Assassinated.
- 1900- William McKinley. Assassinated.
- 1920- Warren G. Harding. Died of a stroke.
- 1940- FDR. Died of cerebral hemmorage.
- 1960- JFK. Assassinated.
- 1980- Ronald Reagan. Assassination attempt. Broke the curse!