



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, 4 countries in Africa started attacking American ships: Tunisia, Morocco, Algiers, and Tripoli.



Pirates!

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



Fighting the Barbary Pirates

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

Stephen Decatur

- Didn't want the pirates to use the ship, so... he led a crew of 60 sailors to the harbor and burned the *Philadelphia* to the waterline.

Photo # KN-1043 - Burning the frigate Philadelphia, by Edward Moran



- A year later, a group of Marines marched 600 miles across the Sahara and captured Tripoli.
- They memorialized this in the Marine Corps anthem- From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli...
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jh5OIT-cslQ>

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

Neutrality is Challenged

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

- Britain and France are looking for ways to hurt the other country.
- One way: Cut off their foreign trade. British ships started capturing American ships trading with France.
- 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 started impressing American sailors...again.
- 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

- People are mad!! Crop prices are down, which hurts planters and farmers.
- Tens of thousands lost their jobs.
- Embargo Act is repealed in 1809...just before TJ leaves office.
- New law: We'll trade with everyone BUT Britain 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.
- Settled into Indiana. WAY negative impact on Native Americans.
 - Diseases 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 marched 1,000 soldiers against Shawnee villages on the Tippecanoe River. Battle of Tippecanoe- defeats Native Americans.
- 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 hemorrhage.
- 1960- JFK. Assassinated.
- 1980- Ronald Reagan. Assassination attempt. Broke the curse!