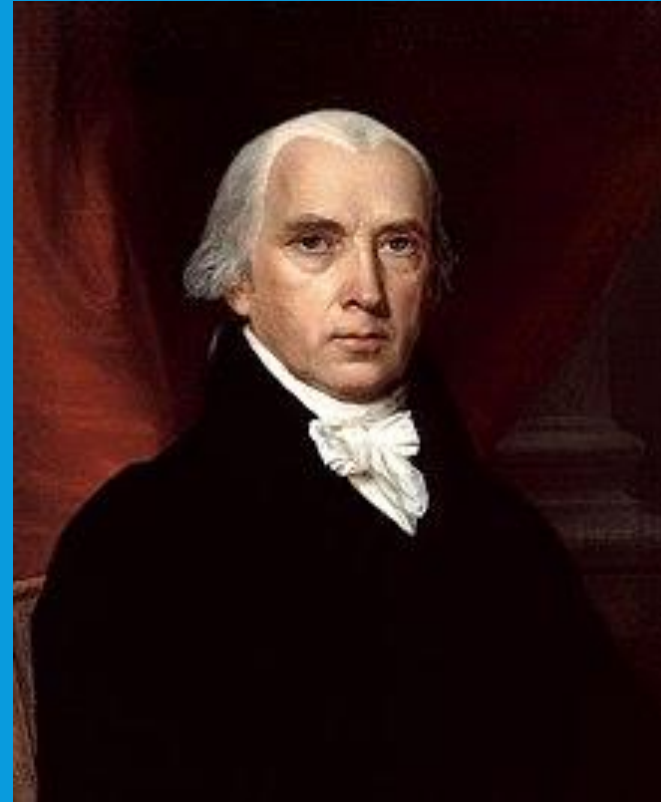


THE WAR OF 1812

PRESIDENT MADISON

- James Madison takes office in 1809.
- How are things with the British?
- Not great. Americans are mad because of:
 - Britain arming Native Americans in NW
 - Continued impressment of sailors



OUR PRIDE IS AT STAKE!

- They can't mess with us!
- Nationalism: Pride in one's country.
- 1810- Henry Clay (KY) and John C. Calhoun (SC) join the House of Reps.
- Clay, Calhoun, and their supporters = War Hawks. Want war with Britain.
- New England is opposed- it will hurt trade!

1812

- Not getting any better. Impressment continues, Native Americans are attacking frontier settlements.
- June- Congress declares war!

- Britain is still at war in Europe (with France...), but they won't meet American demands.
- By arming the Native Americans, they prevent Americans from invading Canada.

- US is not prepared for war, even though everyone was confident.
- Why not?
 - TJ's spending cuts...remember how much he shrunk the military?
 - US only has 16 warships ready for action, army has less than 7,000 soldiers!

BRITISH BLOCKADE

- British blockaded the American coast.
- By 1814, they had 135 ships blocking the coasts! By the end of the war, they closed off ALL American ports. Not good!



USS CONSTITUTION

- Major naval battle: USS *Constitution* versus British *Guerriere*.
- Nickname of the American ship- Old Ironsides. The British cannonballs bounced off its sides, almost like it was made of iron.

INVADING CANADA

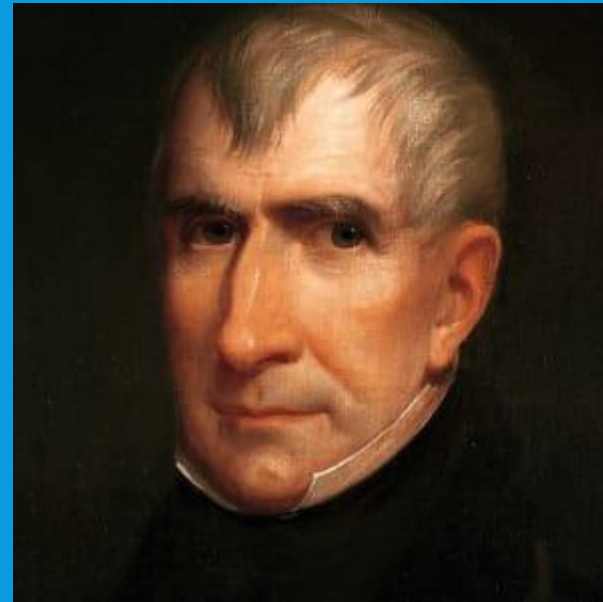
- War Hawks want to invade Canada, thinking they would want to get out from under British rule. Spoiler alert: They didn't!
- Hull invades Canada from Detroit, but isn't so sure about his plan and retreats, worried that he doesn't have enough soldiers.
- British Commander Brooks takes advantage of the confusion, and forced Hull's group of 2,000+ to surrender. Major defeat for the US.

LAKE ERIE

- Americans did better on Lake Erie—
- 3 hour battle at Put-in-Bay.
- American commander Oliver Hazard Perry had to switch ships in the battle, but continued to fight.
“We have met the enemy and they are ours.” What does that mean??
- British were forced to leave Detroit and go back to Canada.

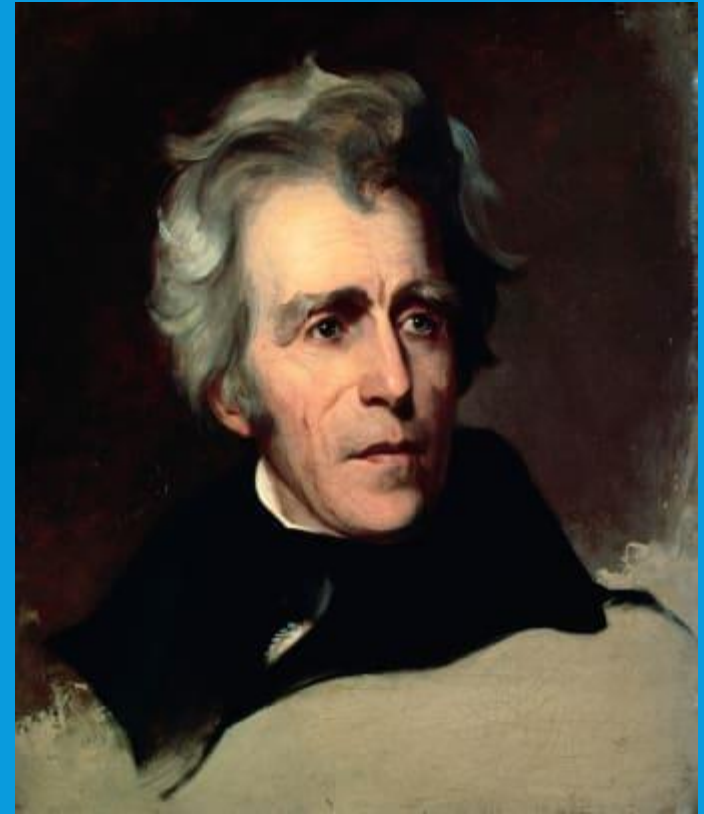
WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON

- As the British and Native Americans retreat to Canada, General William Henry Harrison follows them, defeating them at the Battle of Thames.
- Tecumseh is killed in the battle.



ANDREW JACKSON

- Andrew Jackson defeated several tribes in the South.
- March 1814- Defeated the Creeks at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.
- Treaty forced them to give up millions of acres to the US.



FINAL BATTLES

- 1814- England FINALLY defeats Napoleon, which frees up their troops to come fight in America.
- Plan: Attack the capital, Washington DC.
- Dolley Madison, the First Lady, gathered up important papers and fled the White House. She also saved a portrait of Washington!
- British set fire to several buildings, including the White House!
- Americans were shocked that they couldn't defend themselves.

FT. MCHENRY

- The British moved to Baltimore, to attack Ft. McHenry and the harbor.
- Sept. 13, 1814, Francis Scott Key watched the British bombard the harbor throughout the night. At dawn, he saw that the flag was still flying. This inspired him to write a poem....

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER!

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PEACE...

- 1814- Britain is tired of the war, and starts peace talks in Ghent, Belgium.
- Signed on Christmas Eve.
- Terms of the war: Put everything back the way it was before the war started.
 - No side really gained or lost anything.

OOPS!

- News travels SLOWLY... so after the treaty was signed, there was one more battle.
- January 1815, Andrew Jackson wins a major victory at the Battle of New Orleans.

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PROTESTS

- Not everyone was in favor of this war.
- Critics called it “Mr. Madison’s War.”
- New England trade was damaged.
- Federalists want to secede, or leave the United States. Luckily this went no where.

APPROVAL

- Some people saw this as the 2nd War for Independence, and it solidified the US as an independent nation.
- European nations have no choice but to respect the US.

- What do you think??