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Web Quest on War of 1812

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Historical Background:

In 1803 the US increased its size in a deal with France to buy the Louisiana Territory for \$15 million dollars. This doubled the size of the country. At the same time that we were growing and exploring the new land the country was being challenged by European Nations. England and France were at war and they were not allowing the US to trade freely or to travel the seas freely. The British were impressing American sailors. Both the British and French were seizing American cargo. These actions lead to the United States declaring war on England in 1812 creating what was referred to as the Second American Revolution.

Directions: Use the websites associated with each section to locate the information and then answer the questions with as much detail as possible. This Web Quest is available on my website under the tab War of 1812 Web Quest. This will allow you to click on websites instead of typing them in.

Go to-

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/1600/presidents/jamesmadison>

1. As a founding father what important American documents was James Madison involved with making?
2. In what position did Madison serve under President Thomas Jefferson?
3. What actions by Britain and France angered Madison?
4. What was the nickname given to Henry Clay and John C Calhoun? Why?
5. When did President James Madison ask Congress to declare war?

Go to: <https://www.historicacanada.ca/1812/timeline/#>

Click on 1807 Chesapeake- Leopard Affair

6. What happened between the Chesapeake and Leopard that angered Americans?

Click through the events on the time line and pay attention to the medals as well of the readings.

7. What region of the US were the battles in July and August of 1812 fought?
8. In September 1812 where were the American forts captured?
9. On April 27, 1813 what city was captured by the Americans? What did they do to the city?
10. What Native American leader was killed at the Battle of the Thames on October 5, 1813?
11. Why is the Battle of Lundy's Lane an important battle of the War of 1812?

Click on https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/generic/August_Burning_Washington.htm

12. What happened to Washington DC on August 24, 1814?
13. What saved the capital?
14. What do you think motivated the British to burn down Washington DC?

Click on <http://www.1812battles.com/home.html>

15. What city does Fort McHenry protect?
16. What important industry is located in this city?
17. Who won this battle?

18. What famous song is written as a result of watching the Battle of Fort McHenry?

Click on <https://amhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner/baltimore-in-the-balance.aspx>

19. Who made the flag that was flown over Fort McHenry?

Click on <http://thehermitage.com/learn/andrew-jackson/general/war-hero/>

20. Who did Jackson negotiate the Treaty of Fort Jackson with?

21. What area of the country was this in?

22. What important responsibility was Jackson given after his job at Fort Jackson?

23. What city did Jackson successfully defend against British attack?

Click on <http://cdn.loc.gov/service/ppn/ppmsca/10700/10754v.jpg>

24. What country does the person on the left of the cartoon represent?

25. What country does the person on the right of the cartoon represent?

26. How does this cartoon reflect the War of 1812? Use specifics about the war and be clear with your pronouns (use of he or they are not allowed).