The Second American Revolution (1812)

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Target audience – U.S. History learners	Time required – 15 minutes

Activity	The War of 1812 ensured the United States' independence and created opportunities for two future U.S. presidents to demonstrate their leadership qualities.
Social Studies Standards	**C3: D2.His.1.9-12. Evaluate how historical events and developments were shaped by unique circumstances of time and place as well as broader historical contexts.** **C3: D2.His.12.9-12. Use questions generated about multiple historical sources to pursue further inquiry and investigate additional sources.**
Learning Outcomes	• Students will determine why the War of 1812 became known as the Second American Revolution.

Map URL: http://esriurl.com/historygeoinquiry3

❓ Ask

Why did Native Americans join the British in the War of 1812?

➜ Click the map link above to launch the map.
➜ Examine the World Map, 1812.
❓ What references can you find about Native American populations living in the frontier? *[The layer shows tribal names and references Native American villages.]*
➜ With the Details button underlined, click the button, Show Contents of Map (Content).
➜ Click the check box to the left of the layer name, Territories And States (1811).
➜ Turn on the layer, Territory And State Borders (1811).
❓ What changes occurred to the amount of U.S. land? *["Frontier" territories became states; there were more states; borders differed.]*

⬇ Acquire

What events preceded and may have led to the War of 1812?

➜ Click Bookmarks button. Select Tecumseh's War.
➜ Turn on the layer, Tecumseh's Territory.
❓ Describe Tecumseh's lands. *[He held lands in (present day) Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, & Canada.]*
➜ Turn on the Rivers, Lakes, Tecumseh's Heritage, Native American Villages, and both fort layers. Describe the fort and village distribution. *[Inside and outside Tecumseh's territory, many located along the water.]*
➜ Turn on the layer, Treaty Lines. Why were there battles between the U.S. and Native American in this region? *[Land was not ceded to the U.S. by American Indians; there were many Native American villages here.]*

🔍 Explore

Where did battles in the War of 1812 occur?

➜ Click Bookmarks. Select War of 1812.
➜ Turn on the layer, War of 1812 Regions.
❓ Where are the regions of confrontation between the British and Americans? *[They were around Lakes Erie, Huron, and Ontario; present-day Detroit; northern New York; St. Lawrence River. Naval battles occurred in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico.]*
➜ Turn on the War Of 1812 Key Battles layer.
❓ Where did other battles occur? *[Washington, D.C., Baltimore, the Mississippi Territory, and New Orleans]*

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📋 Analyze

Where and why were the battles fought?

- **?** Why did the American Indians fight alongside the British against the Americans in the northern battles? *[They hoped to prevent further westward expansion and gain access to the Great Lakes.]*
- **?** Why did the British engage in battles along the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River? *[They wanted to control the waterways and win back land.]*
- **?** Why would the British attack Washington, D.C. and Baltimore? *[They wanted to capture the capital and a major port.]*
- **?** What was the importance of winning battles in the south? *[The victors gained access to the Mississippi River.]*

☑ Act

Why was the War of 1812 important?

- **?** What is the date for the Treaty of Ghent? *[December 24, 1814.]*
- **?** When and where was the last battle fought? *[New Orleans, January 8, 1815.]*
- **?** Why was this battle fought after the Treaty? *[News did not travel quickly; there was no TV, phone, etc.]*
- **?** Whom did the Americans defeat? *[They defeated Great Britain and Native Americans – One Nation.]*
- **?** Why was this war referred to as the "Second American Revolution"? *[American troops defeated the British, and the Treaty of Ghent restored the U.S. boundaries established in the American Revolutionary War.]*

TABLE SORT

- Tables are only available for certain map layers.
- With the Details button underlined, click the button Show Contens of Map.
- Click the button, Show Table, beneath the layer name
- Click on field name (top row).
- Choose sort ascending or descending.

BOOKMARK

- At the top of the map, click Bookmarks button.
- Choose your bookmark; the map will zoom to that point.

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📖 TEXT REFERENCES

This map has been cross-referenced to material in chapters from the leading high school U.S. Hisotry texts.

- *The American Vision by Glencoe — Chapter 7*
- *American Anthem by Holt — Chapter 9*
- *The Americans by McDougal Littell — Chapter 6*
- *America: Pathways to the Present by Prentice Hall — Chapter 4*