

Connecting History

Leadership

Jackson's heroism at New Orleans helped him to win the presidency in 1828. A self-made man who was known for his toughness, Jackson considered himself a champion of the "common people." You will learn about his presidency in Chapter 12.

command of General Andrew Jackson. The British attacked Jackson's forces on January 8, 1815. American riflemen, who had protected themselves by building defenses out of earth, shot at advancing British troops. It was a great victory for Jackson. American casualties totaled 71, compared to Britain's 2,000.

The Battle of New Orleans made Jackson a hero. Nevertheless, the battle itself did not affect the course of the war. Slow mails from Europe had delayed news of the Treaty of Ghent, which had already ended the war. British and American diplomats had signed this treaty two weeks earlier. Americans, eager for an end to the fighting, welcomed the treaty.

The Legacy of the War The Treaty of Ghent showed that the War of 1812 had no clear winner. No territory changed hands, and trade disputes were left unresolved. Neither side made any significant gains. Still, the war had important consequences for America.

First, heroic exploits of men such as Jackson and Perry increased American patriotism. Second, the war broke the strength of Native Americans, who had sided with the British. Native American resistance was significantly weakened, especially in the South. Finally, when war interrupted trade, Americans were forced to make many of the goods they had previously imported. This encouraged the growth of American manufacturing.

The American victory also increased optimism about the nation's future. The United States had defended itself against one of the mightiest military powers of the era. For perhaps the first time, many Americans believed that their young nation would survive and prosper.

 **SYNTHESIZE** Explain how the War of 1812 led to changes in America.

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Section Assessment



ONLINE QUIZ

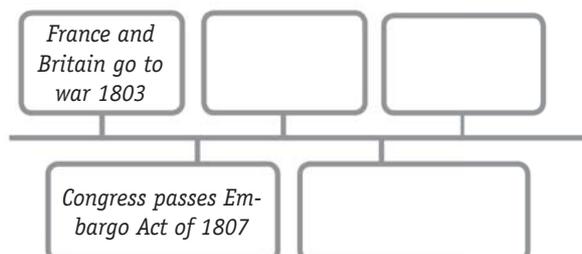
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TERMS & NAMES

1. Explain the importance of
 - impressment
 - war hawk
 - Embargo Act of 1807
 - Oliver Hazard Perry
 - Tecumseh

USING YOUR READING NOTES

2. **Sequence Events** Complete the diagram you started at the beginning of this section.



KEY IDEAS

3. How did foreign powers affect American shipping?
4. Why did many Americans in the western part of the country support the war?

CRITICAL THINKING

5. **Evaluate** How did Jefferson use trade as a weapon prior to the start of the war?
6. **Causes and Effects** What effects did Native American unity have on the United States?
7. **Connect to Today** How do you think overseas trade affects America's relations with other nations today?
8. **Writing Poem** Use the Internet to research the U.S.S. *Constitution*. Write a poem or speech to commemorate one of its victories.