

The War of 1812

The American Revolution (see pp. 20-22) gave Americans independence. The war of 1812 gave world leaders a new picture of the world and the United States with respect.



"That's give up the ship!"
There wasn't any question on June 2, 1812, by the very Captain James Lawrence.

Causes of the War of 1812

1 Great Britain and France were taking U.S. ships. This interfered with American trade.

2 The United States made a deal with France: the United States would stop trading with Britain if the French would stop taking U.S. ships.

3 The United States thought the British were ordering Native Americans to attack settlers in the Northwest Territory, the land north of the Ohio River between the bounded states and the Mississippi River.

4 The United States thought that Britain was still interfering with its former colonies.

5 The United States wanted to take Canada from Britain and Florida from Spain.

A regular British force was not enough to defeat a spirited young nation.

