

## First Invasion: the War of 1812

1. What were the main issues which led to James Madison's Declaration of War in 1812?
2. What was impressment and why do you think it became such an issue between the U.S. and Great Britain?
3. Why did the New England Federalists oppose the war? How did this opposition play into later events in the war?
4. In what ways was the United States military unprepared for war as they took on the British in Canada?
5. The burning of Washington was a pivotal event in the War of 1812. How did Dolley Madison and Stephen Pleasonton help "save" the nation's history?
6. Though the War of 1812 was fought by men, women contributed to the war effort in several ways discussed in the documentary. What are some of the contributions women made to the war?
7. What did the flag at Fort McHenry symbolize to Francis Scott Key? Were you surprised by the United States' victory?
8. What do you think the long-term ramifications of the war were for the United States and for the British?
9. Why do you think the War of 1812 has been referred to as "America's Forgotten War"? Why should it be studied and remembered today?