

Introduction

30 Days of History is designed to give your students 4-6 weeks of daily work focused on a specific topic or time period. Each unit looks at significant terms and events and asks 7 questions on each that will draw your students into researching and learning more. 30 Days of History: War of 1812 looks at key terms, people, and 18 important battles. This can be used as a supplement to your history class, a tool to help develop research skills, or fun work to fill in as needed. However you use it, you're sure to learn more about the War of 1812 and discover history along the way.



Prelude to the War of 1812

The War of 1812 actually started because of events that were happening in Europe. When Napoleon was emperor of France, he tried to increase the size of his kingdom by conquering other countries in Europe. He very much wanted to conquer Britain, but Britain resisted. As these wars, called the Napoleonic Wars, continued, it began causing problems for other areas as well.

Research Napoleon Bonaparte. Write a short summary of his life. _____

The best way for a country to invade Britain at that time was by sea. What happened to Napoleon's navy in 1805 that prevented him from invading Britain by sea? _____

What method did Napoleon decide to use to defeat Britain since he could not invade? _____

What was the Berlin Decree of November 21, 1806? Who passed it, and what were the provisions?_____

What were the Orders in Council of 1807? Who passed it, and what were the provisions?

What was the Milan Decree of 1807? Who passed it, and what were the provisions?

What is the meaning of "impressment" as it refers to people?_____

Battle of the River Raisin

What was the date of the battle? _____

Name the commander(s) on the American side. What was their troop strength? _____

Name the commander(s) on the British side. What was their troop strength? _____

Who won the battle? _____

Was there a decisive factor (such as weather, terrain, sickness, etc.) that contributed to which side won the battle? _____

What are some things about this battle you found interesting? _____

What impact do you think this had on the direction or outcome of the war? _____

Below is a map showing the area where the battle took place. Highlight or circle the approximate location of the battle.

