

# The War of 1812

4 Classroom Seminars

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## The War of 1812

The Forging of a New Nation

Madison Starts a War

Part I

**Part I: Madison's Starts a War:** The world in 1812. Britain vs Napoleon. British naval might; Federalists vs Republicans; the Battle of Fallen Timbers; The issue of impressment; Chesapeake-Leopard affair; Jefferson's embargo; The War Hawks; Battle of Tippecanoe; Madison's war declaration; Battles of Detroit, Niagara frontier; Dearborn Massacre; River Raisin; "Old Ironsides"

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Part II

"Don't Give Up the Ship"

**Part II: "Don't Give Up the Ship":** Unites States vs Macedonian; Constitution vs Java; invasion at York; Zebulon Pike; Battle of Fort George; Battle of the Beaver Dams; Laura Secord; James Lawrence – "Don't Give Up the Ship"; Chesapeake vs Shannon; Battle of Lake Erie; Fort Mims Massacre; Andrew Jackson; Battle of Horseshoe Bend; Siege of Fort Meigs; Fort Stephenson; Battle of the Thames; Death of Tecumseh; Battle of Chrysler's Farm; burning of Newark;

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War on the Chesapeake

Part III

**Part III: The British Lion Fully Engaged:** The British blockade; David Porter and the Essex; Canada 1814; the burning of Port Dover; Winfield Scott; Battle of Chippewa; Battle of Lundy's Lane; explosion at Fort Erie; Captain Thomas MacDonough; Battle of Lake Champlain (Plattsburg); Alexander Cochrane; coastal raids – Virginia, Maine, CT; Radm George Cockburn; Cdre Joshua Barney; Gunboats on the Chesapeake; invasion on the Patuxent; the burning of Washington; Dolly Madison saves a painting

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The Dawns Early Light

Part IV

**Part IV: The Dawn's Early Light:** the Patapsco River; attack at North Point; death of Robert Ross; Battle of Fort Mchenry; Francis Scott Key; the Star Spangled Banner; the Treaty of Ghent; Andrew Jackson; the capture of Pensacola; Pirate Jean LaFitte; setting the trap; the Battle of New Orleans; death of Gen Packenham; HMS Favorite arrives in NYC; war's e

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