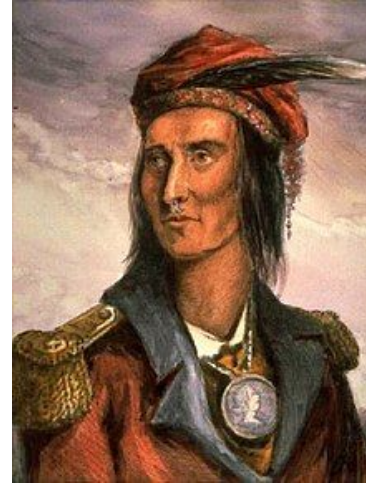


Causes of the War of 1812

- * Shawnee Chief Tecumseh is tired of seeing Native Americans being pushed off their land
- * Governor of Indiana territory, William Henry Harrison watches with alarm
 - He is convinced Tecumseh had British support
- * Battle of Tippecanoe
 - US forces defeat Tecumseh and his followers



Causes of the War of 1812

- * Several groups of young members of Congress took the lead in calling for war against England
 - Called WarHawks
 - Henry Clay and John C Calhoun



Madison's Presidency

- * James Madison is elected President in 1808
- * Has to decide if we go to war with England
 - Already facing economic trouble due to Jefferson's economic plans
 - Impressment of American sailors



War of 1812

- * British Navy outnumbers the US
 - US is well trained and has a few good ships
 - USS Constitution
 - US defeats British in several naval battles
- * Battles along Canadian border
 - Battle of Lake Erie
 - Break England's control
 - England/Tecumseh vs. US Navy
 - Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry leads the US to victory forcing England to retreat



War of 1812

* Creek Battles

- Creek Native Americans rise up in the south
- Andrew Jackson will fight against them leading the US to victory

* Burning of the White House

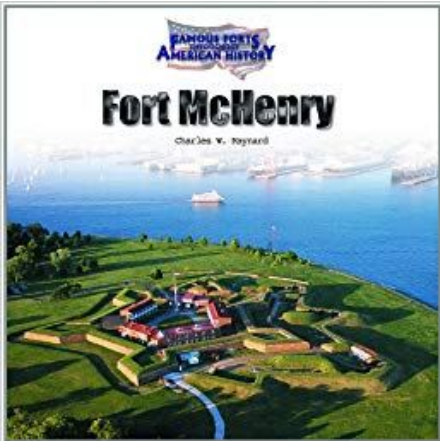
- England is on the offensive
- Madison is forced to evacuate
- White House and other government buildings set on fire



War of 1812

* Battle of Fort Mchenry

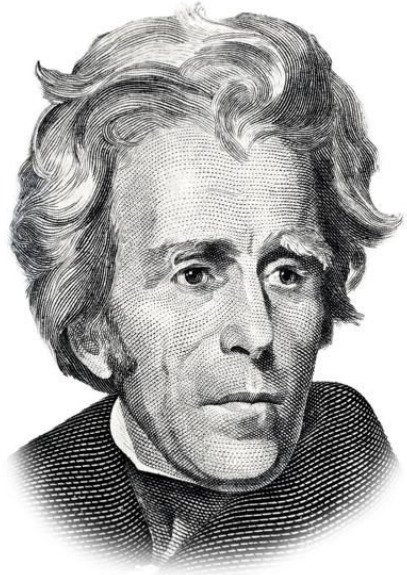
- British fire on the fort in Maryland for over 24 hours
- Americans refuse to surrender
- British decide to retreat
- Francis Scott Key writes the Star Spangled Banner



War of 1812

* Battle of New Orleans

- England wants control of Mississippi River
- Andrew Jackson has pirates, Native Americans, and ragtag soldiers
- 5300 British vs 4500 Americans
- American victory and last major battle of the War of 1812
- Andrew Jackson is considered a war hero





Effects of the War of 1812



- * Treaty of Ghent ended the War of 1812
- * Feeling of Nationalism throughout the US
- * Weakened Native American resistance
- * US economy improved and manufacturing grew

