

# American History Timeline--War of 1812

DATE	EVENT
1803-1812	British impress approximately 10,000 Americans forcing them to work on British ships.
January 25, 1806	James Madison delivers report concerning British interference and impressment of sailors causing anti-British feelings to arise.
August, 1806	American minister James Monroe and envoy William Pinkney are unable to resolve the major problems between the British and Americans concerning commercial shipping and impressment.
1806	The British blockade France; American ships are caught in the middle and the British seize approximately 1000 US ships.
June 1807	The American ship <i>Chesapeake</i> is fired on by the British ship <i>Leopard</i> after refusing to be boarded. This creates an international incident.
December 1807	Thomas Jefferson attempts "peaceful coercion" of the British with his embargo but it results in economic disaster for merchants.
1811	Battle of Tippecanoe - Tecumseh's brother (the Prophet) leads attack on William Henry Harrison's army of 1000 men.
June 18, 1812	America declares war against the British. This war is known as "Mr. Madison's War" or "The Second American Revolution."
8/16/1812	U.S. loses Ft. Mackinac as the British invade American territory.
1812	Three attempts are made by the U.S. to invade Canada. They all end in failure.
1812	The <i>USS Constitution</i> ("Old Ironsides") defeats the <i>HMS Guerriere</i> .
January 1813	Battle of Frenchtown. British and Indian allies repel Kentucky troops in bloody fighting. The American survivors are killed in the Raisin River Massacre.
April 1813	Battle of York (Toronto). US troops take control of Great Lakes and burn York.
9/1813	Battle of Lake Erie. US forces under Captain Perry defeat a British naval attack.
October 1813	Battle of Thames (Ontario, Canada). Tecumseh is killed in a US victory.
3/27/1814	Battle of Horseshoe Bend (Mississippi). Andrew Jackson defeats the Creek Indians.
1814	The British plan a 3-part invasion of US: Chesapeake Bay, Lake Champlain, & the mouth of Mississippi River. The British are eventually turned back at Baltimore harbor.
August 24-25, 1814	The British burn Washington, D.C. and Madison flees the White House.
September 1814	Battle of Plattsburgh (Lake Champlain). The US secures its northern border with a huge victory over a larger British force.
December 24, 1814	Treaty of Ghent. The British and American diplomats agree to return to the status quo from before the war.
January 1815	Battle of New Orleans. Andrew Jackson scores a huge. 700 British are killed, 1400 are wounded. The US only loses 8 soldiers.