

THE WAR OF 1812 – ON XBOX?

Congratulations! Due to the countless hours you and your classmates spend playing video games on the various platforms available, a leading software company called Historivision has contacted USM to help develop a video game with a relatively unknown topic (the War of 1812) in a relatively popular market (historical action games). In order to research and develop the game, Historivision is asking you to assist in two essential areas of video game development – historical research and creative ideas. You have two tasks to complete for the possibility of a part time job and additional cash for your college fund. First, you need to **take detailed notes on the various causes and events of the War of 1812** in order to develop the historical content of the game. Second, you **should provide a creative idea of how to portray the specific cause or event of the war in a video game.** Read Chapter 10 Section 3-4 - "Problems with Foreign Powers" and "The War of 1812" , the online resources on ABC-CLIO, and the cool cartoon handed out in class, and use the examples provided as a guide for your responses.



IDEAS FOR A GREAT TITLE FOR THE GAME;

THE CAUSES

Topic and notes	Video game representation
<p>VIOLATION OF NEUTRAL RIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US had been neutral with all foreign nations • Problem – America traded with many nations • LA Purchase brought US into closer contact • US benefitted in trade during British –French War • British started clamping down on American shipping, upsetting US since they were neutral • Chesapeake attacked by the Leopard 	<p><i>So cool – a huge ocean, and you try to steer American ships away from British ships trying to stop you from trading with other countries – awesome sailor music in the background</i></p>
<p>IMPRESSMENT</p>	
<p>TECUMSEH AND NA UNITY</p>	
<p>THE WAR HAWKS</p>	

THE EVENTS

Topic and notes	Video game representation
BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE	
BURNING OF WASHINGTON D.C.	
BATTLE OF BALTIMORE	
THE HARTFORD CONVENTION	
THE TREATY OF GHENT	
THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS	

What other cool ideas would you suggest for the video game? Get creative!