

Second Grade “The War of 1812” Assessment

- 1a. Who was president during the War of 1812?
- George Washington
 - James Madison
- 1b. Who was president during the War of 1812?
- George Washington
 - James Madison
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - George W. Bush
- 1c. Who was president during the War of 1812? Why was it a good thing that he was not in Washington D.C. when the British burned down the president’s house?
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- 2a. Name one thing that Dolley Madison saved from the president’s house before the British could burn it.
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- 2b. Name two things that Dolley Madison saved from the president’s house before the British could burn them.
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- 2c. Write a description of how Dolley Madison was a hero during the War of 1812.
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- 3a. What does the following statement mean?
The British navy impressed the American sailors.
- The American sailors thought the British navy did great things.
 - The British navy forced American sailors to work on British ships.
- 3b. What does the following statement mean?
The British navy impressed the American sailors.
- The American sailors thought the British navy did great things.
 - The British navy forced the American sailors to work on British ships.
 - The British navy helped the American sailors.
 - The American sailors tried to copy the British navy.

3c. Describe why the impressment of American sailors was a problem. Give at least two reasons.

4a. What was the nickname for the ship the Constitution?

4b. Why was the Constitution nicknamed “Old Ironsides.”

4c. Explain how “Old Ironsides” helped the Americans during the War of 1812.

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- b. The British would not let the American ships travel freely.

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- a. The Americans liked to spend their time fighting.
- b. The Americans wanted to control England.
- c. The British would not let the American ships travel freely.
- d. The British were taxing American tea.

5c. Compare and contrast how the British and the French treated the American ships leading to the War of 1812.

6a. How did the British destroy Washington D.C.?

6b. Describe the specific buildings that were destroyed by the British during the War of 1812.

6c. Describe the specific buildings that were destroyed by the British during the War of 1812. How would the destruction of a city weaken the country during a war?

7a. What did the British see flying over Fort McHenry when they went to destroy Boston?

- a. a white flag of surrender
- b. a huge American flag

7b. Describe the American flag that was flying over Fort McHenry when the British arrived to destroy Boston.

7c. How did the flag flying over Fort McHenry give the Americans hope during the battle?

8a. What song did Francis Scott Key write?

8b. What song did Francis Scott Key write, and where was he when he wrote it?

8c. What song did Francis Scott Key write, and where was he when he wrote it? What inspired Francis Scott Key to write this song?

9a. Why did the American flag have 15 stars and 15 stripes during the War of 1812?

9b. Describe the American flag during the War of 1812.

9c. Compare and contrast the American flag of today with the flag during the War of 1812.

10a. Who was Andrew Jackson?

- a. an American general who became president
- b. a British soldier who became president

10b. What battle was fought with General Andrew Jackson leading the Americans?

10c. What battle was fought with General Andrew Jackson leading the Americans? Describe how the American victory during this battle helped Andrew Jackson.

11a. Why did the soldiers fight in the Battle of New Orleans even though a peace treaty had already been signed?

- a. The news of the treaty had not reached them yet.
- b. They just liked to fight.

11b. Why did the soldiers fight in the Battle of New Orleans even though a peace treaty had been signed?

- a. Andrew Jackson wanted to be a hero.
- b. The news of the treaty had not reached them yet.
- c. They just liked to fight.
- d. The British didn't want to obey the treaty.

11c. Why did the soldiers fight in the Battle of New Orleans even though a peace treaty had been signed?

12a. Who won the War of 1812?

- a. The French
- b. The Americans

12b. Who won the War of 1812?

- a. The Greeks
- b. The French
- c. The Americans
- d. The British

12c. Who won the War of 1812?

The following Colorado Model Content Standards are covered in this assessment by the questions indicated.

Questions 3a, 3b, 3c, 5a, 5b, 5c: History Standard 3.1. Students know how various societies were affected by contacts and exchanges among diverse peoples.

Questions 5a, 5b, 5c, 8a, 8b, 8c: History Standard 5.1. Students understand how democratic ideas and institutions in the United States have developed, changed, and/or been maintained.

Questions 10c: History Standard 5.3. Students know how political power has been acquired, maintained, used, and/or lost throughout history.

Questions 3a, 3b, 3c, 5a, 5b, 5c, 11a, 11b, 11c: History Standard 5.4. Students know the history of relationships among different political powers and the development of international relations.

Questions 3a, 3b, 3c, 5a, 5b, 5c: Geography Standard 4.5. Students know how cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of Earth's surface.

Answer Key

- 1a. b. James Madison
1b. b. James Madison
1c. James Madison
Acceptable answers could include:
-he could have been captured
-the British might have killed him
-it was too dangerous in Washington D.C.
- 2a. Acceptable answers could include:
-a painting of George Washington
-boxes of important papers including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution
2b. Acceptable answers could include any of the items listed for 2a.
2c. Acceptable answers could include:
-she saved many important items (see list for 2a)
-she didn't panic when the British were coming
-she disguised herself to protect the important things she was carrying
- 3a. b. The British navy forced American sailors to work on British ships.
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3c. Acceptable answers could include:
-it didn't allow them to choose their work
-it was taking away Americans and forcing them to work for the British
-it is wrong to force people to do what you want them to do
- 4a. Old Ironsides
4b. Acceptable answers could include:
-she was so strong it seemed she was made of iron, cannon balls bounced off of her
4c. Acceptable answers could include:
-she was a strong ship
-the British could not destroy her
-she kept the Americans safe during battles
- 5a. b. The British would not let the American ships travel freely.
5b. c. The British would not let the American ships travel freely.
5c. Acceptable answers could include:
-In the beginning, both the British and the French navies worked to keep the American ships from being able to sail. In 1811, the French released the ships they were holding, but the British did not.
- 6a. They burned it down.
6b. Acceptable answers could include:
-they burned the capital where congress met to make laws and they burned the president's house

- 6c. An Acceptable answers could include:
 -they burned the capital where congress met to make laws and they burned the president's house
 -when a city is destroyed lives are lost, food is destroyed, many people become homeless, there is nowhere safe to rest to continue the battles
- 7a. b. a huge American flag
- 7b. Acceptable answers could include:
 -it was huge
 -it was 42 feet by 30 feet
 -it had 15 stars and 15 stripes
- 7c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -as long as it was flying the Americans still had not been defeated at Ft. McHenry
 -it is a symbol of our freedom and seeing it reminded the people of their freedom
- 8a. The Star Spangled Banner or our national anthem
- 8b. Acceptable answers could include:
 -The Star Spangled Banner or our national anthem
 -He was on an American ship that was being held by the British watching the battle at Fort McHenry from the sea.
- 8c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -The Star Spangled Banner or our national anthem.
 -He was on an American ship that was being held by the British watching the battle at Fort McHenry from the sea.-he felt proud and excited that the American flag was still flying after a long hard battle
 -he saw the flag still flying and was inspired to write a song about the flag that represents our freedom
- 9a. Acceptable answers could include:
 -The United States had 15 states at that time.
- 9b. Acceptable answers could include:
 -It had 15 stripes and 15 stars, one for each of the states that were part of America at that time.
- 9c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -The flag during the War of 1812 had 15 stars and 15 stripes, one for each of the states. - Today's flag has 50 stars, one for each state, but only 13 stripes to represent the 13 original colonies.
- 10a. a. an American general who became president
- 10b. The Battle of New Orleans
- 10c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -The Battle of New Orleans
 -He was a strong military leader who lead America to victory.
 -Many people felt his bravery, courage and leadership would make him a good president.
 -He became the seventh president.

- 11a. a. The news of the treaty had not reached them yet.
- 11b. b. The news of the treaty had not reached them yet.
- 11c. Acceptable answers could include:
 - The news had not reached them yet; news traveled slowly in 1814 and they didn't know a peace treaty had been signed.

- 12a. b. The Americans
- 12b. c. The Americans
- 12c. The Americans