

AP US History

Chapter 7 - The Jeffersonian Era

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Key Concepts

What are this chapter's key concepts?

- **3.2.III.D** - Americans expressed national identity through art, literature, architecture
- **4.1.I.B** - Supreme Court decisions established the judiciary influence over Constitutional interpretation; federal laws over state laws
- **4.1.II.A** - Democratic and individualistic beliefs rose in response to rationalism, with society changed by market revolution and greater social/geographical mobility -> Second Great Awakening inspiring new movements
- **4.1.II.B** - New national culture emerged blending American, European, and regional elements
- **4.2.I.B** - Textile machinery, steam engines, interchangeable parts, telegraph, agricultural innovations -> more efficient production
- **4.3.I.A** - Louisiana Purchase -> U.S. government sought control over North America through exploration, war, native encroachment, diplomatic expansion

The Rise of Cultural Nationalism

What led to the growth of cultural nationalism in the U.S. and what were its effects?

Educational opportunities grew with an increase in public schools (but most were private), more women being offered schooling, and specialized professions like medicine and law seeing specialized training beyond apprenticeships, culture began to be freed of European influences with powerful literary advancements and artistic strides, and religion adjusted to eliminate skepticism with the Second Great Awakening, pushing for the readmittance of God and Christ, which had broad affect on whites, natives, and African Americans.

What were the educational changes implemented by the Republicans?

- Jefferson, aligning with Republican ideals of enlightened populace, began "crusade against ignorance," hoping to establish nation-wide public schools with education free to all white male citizens
- Some states endorsed in early years (MA law required each town to support school), but many others ignored enforcement
 - VA ignored Jefferson's demand for basic education for all and advanced education for the gifted
 - Even by 1815, no state had a complete public school system
- Schooling became far more prominent in private institutions (who could afford them)
 - South and mid-Atlantic states saw religious-run schools
 - New England schools generally secular, modeled on Phillips family at Andover, MA and in Exeter, NH
 - * Often aristocratic, seeking to train students to become elite
 - * Few schools were open to poor
 - Most private secondary schools accepted only males, but some growth in female opportunities
 - * Female illiteracy during Revolution exceeded 50%; ideal of new mother to train children in liberty led to call for education to train mothers
 - * In 1770s, network of female academies emerged (normally for affluent daughters)
 - * MA required in 1789 that schools serve females and males (many states followed)
 - Most men assumed that female education intended only to create better wives/mothers -> no growth in college education
 - * Judith Sargent Murray, in 1784, wrote essay defending rights to education with viewpoint opposing that of most men: argued equal potential/intellect, need for all people to earn their own living
 - Little support during lifetime; far more successful posthumously

For whites, Republicans (particularly Jefferson) began to push for an advanced educational system required in all towns. However, this goal was not truly met, with the majority of successful schools private institutions focused on teaching the children of aristocrats. Additionally, women began to receive more educational opportunities with many states requiring that public schools serve both sexes and some women pushing for college education.

What were the educational opportunities available to other races?

Because Jefferson and his followers believed natives had potential to become on-par with whites given education (unlike African Americans), mission schools began to spread throughout the tribes. African-Americans, however, generally acquired little education due to fear of an uprising and the widespread belief of innate inferiority; however, some managed to teach themselves.

What was the state of higher education?

- Higher education far less widely available, although numbers of colleges continued to rise slowly
- Even state-established colleges relied on private contributions/fees
- Accessible to fewer than one in one thousand white men, required a prosperous family
- Education was extremely narrow, with classics and theology; clergy was only profession requiring college education
 - Some law schools emerged in College of William and Mary (VA) and Columbia (NY) pre-1800; most lawyers trained through apprenticeships

Higher education was not very widely available, with only the most wealthy, specialized men able to access it due to the high fees to maintain. Furthermore, most curricula were very narrow in scope, applying only to a few specific professions (like the clergy).

How did medicine and science develop in the colonies?

- First medical school emerged in University of Philadelphia in eighteenth century, a time when most doctors learned through apprenticeships
 - Faced great challenges from long-held medical prejudices
 - Municipal authorities took significant time to respond to epidemics, only gradually began to listen to knowledgeable doctors like Benjamin Rush
- Even leading advocates of scientific medicine continued to follow incorrect practices
 - Even Rush followed practice of bleeding/purging
 - Medical communities used reason of "scientific method" to expand to non-traditional domains (like childbirths -> fewer women's opportunities due to elimination of midwives, higher cost of physicians)
- In all, promotion of education saw positions of elites bolstered against Republican ideals

Medicine and science developed slowly despite the emergence of a medical school in Philadelphia. Bad practices continued to be employed and even the leading advocates of scientific medicine (like Rush) utilized poor techniques.

Despite the Republican push against Federalist political/economic centralization, most pushed for an alternate form of nationalism: cultural independence.

- Sought American literary/artistic culture rivaling the best of Europe (like in "Poem on the Rising Glory of America")
- Schoolbooks saw growing nationalism
 - MA geographer Morse created *Geography Made Easy*, demanding that nation use its own textbooks to prevent British influence
 - Noah Webster, to create distinctive American culture, encouraged simplified spelling system
 - * Removed "u" from many words (like honour) in *American Spelling Book*, best-selling American book behind Bible
 - * Work enlarged to become greater dictionary
- Those seeking national literary life faced obstacles
 - Challenging to publish work: most printers favored English works (no royalties), and most magazines used British periodicals
 - * Only those authors willing to pay a cost could compete for public attention
 - Many authors sought to create native literature to push American ideals, including Barlow and Brockden Brown
 - * Barlow pushed for ideas of glory to be implanted to remove false prejudices
 - * Brown intrigued by newly popular idea of novel but with distinct American themes
 - Obsession with originality -> lacked large popular following
 - Most successful author: Washington Irving, producing satirical histories of early American life, New World society
 - * Wrote stories about adventures of early Americans, with work still read today
- Most successful literature: those glorifying nation's past
 - Mercy Otis Warren produced *History of the Revolution*
 - Mason Weems created *Life of Washington*, with no concern for historical accuracy (only nationalism)

Many Americans pushed for a distinctive American culture reflected in literary works and pieces of art. Schoolbooks (like Morse's *Geography Made Easy* and Webster's *Early Spelling Book*) saw the earliest shift to American styles to root out English influence, but literature soon followed, with the most successful authors focusing on the American past with a satirical twist.

What were the significant cultural developments in American society?

What were the religious changes from the American Revolution?

- By detaching church from government and pushing liberty and reason, Revolution weakened traditional religion
 - Traditionalists began to fear "rational" theologies focusing on scientific developments
 - Many Americans began to follow deism (including Jefferson, Franklin), accepting God as a remote being without direct involvement
 - * Denounced superstitions, with Thomas Paine producing *The Age of Reason* against Christianity
 - Ideas of universalism/unitarianism emerged as dissenting views in New England churches
 - * Argued that Jesus was a mere religious teacher, not the son of God; all could receive salvation
 - * James Murray founded in Gloucester, MA in 1779; Unitarian Church in Boston
- Most Americans continued to hold strong religious beliefs
 - Although formality of church had collapsed, most continued to harbor original feelings
 - Deism, unitarianism, universalism seemed to be dominant because evangelists had lost organization

The American Revolution led to the detachment of church and state, causing evangelists to lose their organization and alternate faiths, including deism, pushing the lack of God's direct involvement, and unitarianism/universalism, arguing that all could receive salvation.

What led up to the Second Great Awakening?

- Multiple denominations fought rationalist revival, including Presbyterians on western fringe and church conservatives denouncing New Light dissenters, Methodism sending preachers throughout, Baptists finding southern following
- Combination of fervor inspired by all denominations saw great surge of evangelism, rapidly spreading throughout the country
 - Large proportion mobilized, most embracing Methodism, Baptists, Presbyterianism
 - Cane Ridge, KY: evangelical ministers led large camp meeting (> 25,000 attendees) which represented larger evangelical fervor; tactics continued in following years by Methodists especially (like Peter Cartwright, national preacher with great frenzy)
- Message of Second Great Awakening to return God/Christ into daily lives of all, rejecting rationalism
 - Many past beliefs (like predestination/unchanging destiny) were revoked to push for more active piety with emphasis on good deeds
- Led to growth of other sects/denominations, establishing new sense of order, including counterparts to male-only churches for women
 - Women began to outnumber men in many regions due to numerous adventurous departures to West; found religion to build lives
 - Religious beliefs reflected changes in economic roles, using religion to compensate for older women who lost work due to movement of industry to outside home

The Second Great Awakening emerged as a result of the disorganization of evangelical communities and the growth of religious skepticism. It hoped to return God and Christ to the daily lives of all people and reject rationalist beliefs, while also eliminating the past belief of predestination. The awakening also saw great participation by women, who began to take a greater religious role as a result of their reduced importance in economic structure.

How did the Great Awakening influence minority races and skeptics?

- African Americans embraced fervor, leading to growth of black preacher class within slave community; translated salvation into desire for egalitarian community for blacks
 - Plans for a rebellion emerged but were quickly put down; represented risk posed by religion for slave uprisings
- Deeply affected natives in a different way, blending Christian faith with tribal cultures
 - Began with Delaware prophet Neolin mixing tribal culture with personal God involved in affairs while denouncing white encroachment
 - Crises brought about by numerous native defeats -> new era of religious fervor, particularly Presbyterian/Baptist missionaries
 - Handsome Lake, Seneca prophet who had managed to transform life after years of alcoholism, claimed to have met Jesus and inspired natives to give up white customs of whiskey/gambling
 - * Encouraged missionaries to become active within tribes, Iroquois men to abandon hunting roles for farming
 - * Those who resisted (mostly women due to shift from farming to domestic roles) classified as witches, many killed
- "Freethinkers" who were skeptical toward religious revivals diminished in numbers

Many African Americans embraced the Christian fervor, producing a black preacher class; this set the precedent for many future uprisings. Native Americans, too, due to prophets like Neolin and Handsome Lake, began to accept words of missionaries and blend their culture with that of white society. Finally, skeptics became a relatively small group after the awakening.

Stirrings of Industrialism

What led to the industrialization of America?

Many key American inventors ushered in the American Industrial Revolution, like Eli Whitney, who created the cotton gin. Transportation, too, was revolutionized: steamships became prominent with a new engine and turnpikes began to grow in prominence. Despite this, American cities still had a long way to come to rival Europe's largest cities.

What was the technological state of America in the early nineteenth century?

- Many advances imported from England despite British attempts to prevent export of machinery, skilled mechanics
 - Samuel Slater travelled from England despite emigration restrictions, built spinning mill for Quaker merchant in RI - first modern factory
- America also had numerous inventors
 - Oliver Evans (DE) developed flour mill, card-making machine; improved existing steam engine; produced mechanical engineering textbook
 - * Flour mill required only two men to operate
 - Eli Whitney (MA) even more influential: revolutionized cotton production/weapons
 - * English textile industry -> great demand for cotton which could not be met by southern planters due to challenge of separating seeds from fiber (only northern crops were easy to separate)
 - * Due to experience of working on Georgia plantation, created cotton gin to easily/efficiently perform
 - Toothed rollers pulled fibers between grating, catching seeds
 - One operator could complete tasks within hours which previously required entire day to complete
 - Cotton spread beyond South with eight-fold production increase; slavery began to grow
 - In north, cotton gin had effect of promoting textile industry, with most northern plantation owners focusing on manufacturing textiles -> greater regional split
 - * Revolutionized warfare with machine to systematically create guns by dividing tasks between workers
 - Idea spread beyond to other industries

Although a large part of American technology was imported from England, American inventors like Oliver Evans, who developed the flour mill and a card-making machine, and Eli Whitney, who produced the cotton gin, which revolutionized the south, and developed an assembly-line method of producing weapons.

What were the major developments in transportation?

- Industrialization requires efficient system of transport; U.S. lacked early system
- Small American market solved by customers overseas (but affected by Congress' reduced tariffs), but also by domestic growth, which was accelerated by a war with Europe
- Even by 1793, America had merchant marine, foreign trade rivaling all countries but England; rapid growth in number of vessels
- New markets emerged locally with trade between states: emerged as a result of steam power
 - Oliver Evans' high-pressure engine (more efficient than Watt's) improved feasibility of steam
 - Robert Fulton/Livingston perfected steamboat design with *Clermont*, using English-built engine
 - * Sailed along Hudson in 1807, demonstrating potential
 - * Design quickly introduced to West by Livingston's partner
- Turnpike era had begun: toll roads with crushed rock between states connected distant towns (only those where construction costs were low -> few roads over mountains into interior)

The issue of the limited market was addressed over water by finding overseas customers and by a growing trade connection between states over water. This was assisted by the development of steampower. The turnpike era also soon began with the building of roads.

What marked the growth of early American cities?

- America remained primarily agricultural: only 3% of non-natives lived in towns (population > 8000) by 1800; 10% west of Appalachians; largest cities were nowhere near London/Paris
- Larger cities had begun to rival secondary European cities (like Philadelphia, NY, Baltimore, Boston, Charleston)
- Urban lifestyle very different: more elegant, diversions for enjoyment (like music, dancing, theatre, horse racing)

Although even the largest cities paled in comparison to Europe's best, they began to rival Europe's secondary cities and develop their own distinctive culture, with a focus on elegance and diversions from everyday life.

Jefferson the President

What changes did Jefferson implement while in office?

Jefferson ruled from the small town of Washington closely with the people, presenting himself as ordinary and against aristocratic customs. He pushed for economic reduction, cutting the national debt and reducing spending through military measures. However, a great judiciary conflict emerged between the Federalists and Jefferson's Republicans, but the Federalists ultimately resisted Jefferson's attempts, expanding the judiciary influence.

What was Jefferson's disposition when he first entered office?

Although Jefferson believed his victory was truly a revolution, he remained restrained in addressing the disparate parties, focusing on the similarities of all Americans to calm the various factions.

What were the key characteristics of Washington when Jefferson came to power?

- Created by Pierre L'Enfant with grand aspirations, Capitol building remained uncompleted
- Many Americans were confident that Washington had potential to develop into Paris of U.S.
- Washington remained provincial village throughout nineteenth century: never approached NY/Philadelphia
 - Congress-members viewed Washington as place for meetings, not to live; most lived in Capitol boardinghouses
 - Many quickly departed if state legislature offered better position

Washington remained a small town throughout the nineteenth century despite L'Enfant's aspirations: most members of government viewed it as a place of work, not a true home.

How did Jefferson's policies reflect his close connection to the American populace?

- Despite Jefferson's status as wealthy planter with over 100 slaves, disparaged pretentiousness and behaved as a normal citizen without regard for customs; rarely dressed up
- Powerful prose, creativity impressed many (unlike Adams), pragmatic politician
 - Despite demystification of elite government, acted as party leader favoring Republicans, giving secret directions to build network of influence
 - Won for reelection in 1804 over Charles Pinckney, increasing Republican house majority

Jefferson behaved as a regular citizen with little regard for traditional customs; however, he was revered for his inspiring prose, creativity, overwhelming knowledge, and ability as a politician. He heavily favored the Republican party, often giving them special advantages.

- Jefferson felt previous administrations had been overly extravagant due to Hamilton's public debt, whiskey tax
 - Abolished trend, convincing Congress to abolish internal taxes -> only revenue source were western lands/customs duties
 - Secretary of Treasury cut spending significantly, cutting national debt in half
 - Jefferson scaled down infantry, navy due to fear of rebellion while helping to establish West Point Military Academy
- Economic and military challenge appeared in Mediterranean with Barbary states of North America demanding money from all ships sailing through (even England paid)
 - Jefferson agreed to treaty, reluctant to continue with appeasement
 - Leader of Tripoli cut down American flag at consulate due to insufficient pay -> American fleet built up, leading to cessation of tribute but ransom money for POWs

Jefferson, convinced that the Federalist administrations had implemented overly extravagant economic policies, cut spending significantly and cut internal taxes, causing the national debt to halve. However, he poured resources into the development of West Point, which provided well-trained officers against the Tripoli pirates.

How did the Republican party change the American economy?

What marked the conflicts between the Federalist judiciary branch and the Republican executive and legislative branches?

- Jefferson's first step was to repeal Judiciary Act of 1801, eliminating Adams' last minute appointments
- Federalists pushed that Supreme Court had right to nullify congressional acts; up to 1803, had only ever enforced validity of existing laws
 - In *Marbury v. Madison*, where Marbury, one of Adams' last minute appointments, did not receive commission of approval before Adams departed and James Madison refused to give to him
 - * Marbury appealed to Supreme Court -> ruling that Madison was legally obligated but that they lacked authority to enforce
 - Decision to relinquish right to deliver commissions paved way for much larger right: that to nullify Congress' acts
- John Marshall was chief justice, Federalist and VA lawyer under Adams, appointed at last minute; immediately made judiciary branch coequal with executive and legislature
- Jefferson recognized direct threat -> prepared to take control of judiciary
 - Urged Congress to impeach judges, first removing a district judge then seeing House impeach an injudicious yet noncriminal Supreme Court justice Samuel Chase (but Senate votes were not sufficient)
 - Judiciary survived and precedent was set that partisan differences could not lead to impeachment

Jefferson immediately set to work on reducing the power of the Federalist judiciary branch, but *Marbury v. Madison* showed that they had the right to nullify acts of Congress. Under John Marshall, the judiciary branch was developed greatly, and survived most of Jefferson's major hits, including a dramatic impeachment attempt.

Doubling the National Domain

How did Jefferson double the national domain?

Jefferson, through his agreement with France and Spain, purchased the large Louisiana Territory from Napoleon despite his initial flagrant support for the French Empire. The Louisiana Purchase further stimulated western exploration which had already been growing in popularity, like in Lewis and Clark's western expedition and Pike's southern expedition, both authorized by Jefferson. These new policies ultimately catalyzed a series of events which led to Hamilton's death and Burr's failed indictment, which represented the weakness of the central government over their larger territories.

What were Jefferson's policies toward France?

- Napoleon, naming himself emperor in 1804 (when Jefferson was reelected), had little in common with Jefferson, yet they were close allies for a time
- After failing to seize India from the British empire, Napoleon turned attention to New World, hoping to regain territory west of Mississippi (belonging to Spain)
 - Close allies, French and Spain signed a secret treaty giving possession of Louisiana to France, which Napoleon hoped would be the base for a large empire
 - Napoleon also hoped to build empire on West Indian islands already belonging to France despite slave tensions
 - * Put down rebellion led by Toussaint L'Ouverture
- Jefferson initially unaware of Napoleon's imperial desires, continuing previous policy of admiration for France
 - Appointed prudent Livingston as minister to Paris
 - Retracted Adams alliance with British against L'Ouverture, revealing fear of black revolutionary for potential slave uprisings
 - Hesitant after hearing about Louisiana transfer; 1802: alarmed New Orleans went against Pinckney Treaty in forbidding temporary cargo deposit in city, closing lower Mississippi to Americans
- Westerners demanded reopening of southern Mississippi river
 - Jefferson sent Livingston to negotiate purchase of New Orleans; Livingston asked independently for Louisiana entirely
 - U.S. began to build up army with Congressional approval, pushing Napoleon to accept Louisiana Purchase (in part due to fear of army, also due to epidemic -> army collapsing, potential for war in Europe)

Jefferson, initially supporting the French due to the long-held Republican respect, supported Napoleon in colonizing the West Indies and appointing a very pro-French minister. Things soon took a turn, however, when Napoleon covertly received Louisiana from their Spanish allies and forced the Spanish to revoke Pinckney's Treaty by blocking cargo deposit. Jefferson had no choice but to request the purchase of New Orleans, which Livingston negotiated into the entirety of Louisiana.

What was the Louisiana Purchase?

- Despite lacking authorization from government, Livingston / Monroe (sent by Jefferson) signed treaty due to fear of withdrawal
 - Required American payment of \$15 million to French government, exclusive trading privileges to France in New Orleans, treatment of Louisiana residents as citizens of Union
 - Borders defined those previously ruled over by France
- President pleased with results but hesitant: believed that federal government lacked authority to sign (not provided in Constitution), but soon convinced that treaty-making powers authorized him to sign
- French assumed formal control from Spanish very briefly to officially turn over power to U.S. commissioner James Wilkinson
- Louisiana Territory treated as NW Territory: potential for territories to become states (first was LA in 1812)

The Louisiana Purchase, despite the initial signers lacking authorization from the federal government, was generally well-received and quickly approved by Republican Congress. It gave a large block of territory called the "Louisiana Territory" to the Americans, which were administered as the Northwest Territory.

What marked American westward exploration?

- Jefferson planned expedition even before LA Purchase intended to cross to Pacific Ocean, gathering key information about geography and native trade; led by Meriwether Lewis, native war veteran, choosing William Clark as colleague
 - Lewis and Clark began at Missouri River in 1804, guided by Shoshone woman Sacajawea, crossing Rocky Mountains and reaching Pacific coast by Autumn 1805; returned to St. Louis in 1806
- In parallel, Jefferson sent Zebulon Montgomery Pike to lead expedition into upper Mississippi Valley, failing to climb peak in modern Colorado -> impression that American east was uninhabitable

Jefferson authorized the western expeditions of Lewis and Clark, who traveled to the Pacific Coast and back, gathering key geographic facts, and Pike, who traveled through the upper Mississippi Valley and created the impression that the East was uninhabitable and treacherous.

What political controversies emerged as a result of the new land acquisition policies?

- MA Federalists realized that new territories would create new Republican states and further reduce their power -> "Essex Junto" hoped to secede from Union, seeking to gain support of NY/NJ
 - Hamilton refused to involve NY, believing that dismantling empire would have no benefit
 - VP Burr, who had lost prestige after the 1800 election controversy, agreed to become Federalist candidate for NY governor
 - * Hamilton accused Burr of treason, Burr lost election
 - * Blamed loss on Hamilton, challenged to ultimate duel
- Hamilton did not wish to be seen as cowardly -> accepted duel and died the following day
- Burr was aware of potential for murder indictment -> fled from NY to Southwest, allying with Wilkinson (LA Territory governor) and hoping to capture Mexico
 - Jefferson believed rumors that Burr hoped to create independent empire, Wilkinson turned against him -> Burr brought to Richmond for trial
 - Marshall, despite Jefferson's attempts to dominate trial and win, saw little evidence and acquitted Burr
- Conspiracy represented larger issue of weak central government unable to control vast pieces of land

After Burr allied with a small group of New England Federalists who sought to secede from the Union and failed to win Federalist governor of New York, he blamed his loss on Hamilton's harsh words about him and challenged him to a duel. Hamilton accepted and died the following day. Fearing murder charges, Burr fled to the Southwest and began to take on bolder aspirations to take over Mexico - rumors led Jefferson to indict him but to his ultimate acquittal.

Expansion and War

How did American expansion catalyze significant war?

Conflict with the British and French continued with Americans conflicted over how to approach their stance on neutrality and naval tensions emerging with the British. Furthermore, tensions ran high with the natives, who, with the support of the British and under powerful leaders like Tecumseh, began to resist white encroachment.

What were the two key conflicts which coalesced into one major war?

During Jefferson's presidency, conflict with Europe over trade continued to escalate with the British and French attempting to earn the alliance of the Americans, and native conflict over land intrusions began to involve foreign powers.

What were the major naval conflicts as a result of these tensions?

- British naval superiority was undermined by focus on commerce within Europe -> American merchants filled void with large merchant marines
- Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 saw last of French navy vanquished by British -> Napoleon sought to pressure England through economic means
 - Created "Continental System" to close European continent to British trade; British responded by blockading European coast
- American ships unsure how to approach conflicting decrees: sailing to European continent would risk British capture, trading with British would risk French seizure -> America's status as neutral nation violated

With the British and French issuing conflicting decrees both of which jeopardized America's neutrality and risked seizure or punishment at the hands of the other party, the Americans were hesitant.

What was the effect of British impressment on the naval duels between Britain and America?

- Poor conditions, pay of British navy -> marines often deserted and joined American merchant marine/navy; British responded with required searching of boats to "reimpress" traitor sailors into navy
 - Distinctions rarely made: both Americans and British were often forced into British navy
- Alleged deserters sailing from Norfolk on *Chesapeake* encountered British *Leopard* -> Barron (commander) refused British search -> British opened fire and Americans surrendered
 - News caused many Americans to seek revenge, but Jefferson/Madison sought peace by expelling British warships; British government responded by recalling responsible officer and providing compensation for wounded
 - Impressment remained strong as a practice

The poor conditions of working as a British marine led many to desert their crew and join the Americans; realizing this, the British forced the searching of passing American ships to return soldiers to their navy (even American ones). When a ship under James Barron refused search, the British opened fire; although they recalled the offending commander, the British continued to employ impressment tactics.

What was peaceable coercion?

- Congress approved embargo of trade with any foreign power; although many neglected this law, many merchants were affected significantly
- Madison won the election of 1808, but Jefferson (soon before his departure) ended Embargo and replaced with Non-Intercourse Act
 - Reopened trade with all but GB and France
 - Madison soon replaced with conditional reopening of trade, requiring that Britain and France repeal their restrictions on shipping
 - France complied immediately; Britain hesitated ultimately sparking a war

Peaceable coercion followed Congress' complete embargo of foreign trade, which was implemented by Jefferson and aimed to convince the British and French to remove their restrictions. Implemented more directly by Madison with Macon's Bills, the French agreed and the British, too, did eventually.

What caused the revival of tensions between Americans and natives?

- William Henry Harrison, congressional delegate from NW territory, sought development in western lands with passage of Harrison Land Law to allow easy acquisition of public lands
 - Jefferson appointed governor of Indiana territory to solve problem with natives with choice to convert into farmers, assimilate; or to migrate to west of Mississippi
 - Jefferson saw changes as harmless effort to prevent large war, but tribes resisted as Harrison used threats/bribes/trickery to end treaties despite growing native numbers
- Harrison had extracted rights to eastern MI, southern IN, IL; Southwest saw tribes losing lands in TN, GA, MS
- Natives felt powerless in face of unified America

Tension revived as Jefferson and Harrison sought to retrieve all of the Northwest lands for America despite multiple treaties. Land was continually encroached and treaties sneakily violated.

What key factors inspired the natives to rise up against America?

- Trade alliances with British in part due to British fear of American incursion into Canada
- Powerful leaders inspired tribes
 - Tenskwatawa, orator who freed himself of white alcoholism and spoke against white control for native cultures, common religion, sought society independent of any white influence
 - Brother, Tecumseh, even more militant: spoke of tribes oppressed and crushed by white encroachment (like Pequot) and demanded unified action
 - * Brought together tribes angered by white dominance, pushing that Harrison had no true right to land; white expansion would be halted and Northwest recovered
 - * Left Prophetstown (Tenskwatawa's religious HQ) to inspire southern tribes
 - * Harrison attacked and burned Prophetstown in Battle of Tippecanoe -> many warriors disillusioned, but ultimately began to attack white settlements despite lack of organization
- British agents had assisted with native bloodshed: Harrison believed that British should be driven from Canada

British fear of American invasion pushed them to ally with the natives; additionally, the powerful leaders of Tenskwatawa and Tecumseh brought multiple tribes together in hopes of resisting white dominance and regain lost lands.

What inspired many southern Americans to demand the invasion of Florida?

- Florida remained a major threat: slaves escaped across the border and natives raided white settlements from within the region; major rivers made it an appealing trade site
- American settlers in West FL (modern LA/MS) seized Spanish Baton Rouge, received Madison's permission to plan for complete invasion
- War fever was continuing throughout U.S. (Britain in north, Spain in south), and elections began to favor those who sought war ("war hawks")
 - Henry Clay of KY (w/ Calhoun of SC) became Speaker of the House, surrounding himself with others who sought war
 - Despite fearing losing Congress and hurting economy, Madison finally approved in June 1812

Florida was desired by many Americans due to its potential as a trading site but also due to the frequent attacks by natives from within the Florida borders and the escaping of slaves. Throughout the U.S., war fervor developed, with Madison finally approving war against Britain in 1812 at the request of Speaker of the House Henry Clay.

The War of 1812

What were the major tensions in and effects of the War of 1812?

The War of 1812 ended in a treaty between the British and the Americans, and initially saw significant help from the natives until Tecumseh was killed, and the British efforts were successful until American resistance became more organized under Andrew Jackson. The war had the effect of reinspiring the Federalist secession movement (which failed and spelled the end of the party) and ended in an ultimate treaty which promoted commercial relations and disarmaments between the two nations.

How did the natives influence the War of 1812?

- Despite initial enthusiasm, U.S. soon retreated after failing at invasion through Detroit; Chicago fell to native attack
- On seas, only slightly more successful, with some initial wins; British navy quickly retaliated after Napoleon's army
- Some early military successes on Great Lakes with Lake Ontario allowing easy burning of York (capital), Lake Erie through Oliver Perry allowing for an invasion via Detroit
 - Harrison pushed through Thames River, killing Tecumseh in battle (British brigadier general) -
> Native Americans lost organization
- In Southwest, Andrew Jackson (TN planter) pursued southern tribes unified by Tecumseh, slaughtering women/children at Battle of Horseshoe Bend
 - Natives finally ceded most of southwestern lands
 - Continued battle into Florida

Natives significantly assisted the British, leading to numerous early American setbacks and capturing American cities. However, eventually, the Americans began to see an upset and defeated Tecumseh in the north and many southern tribes.

How did battles with the British affect the War of 1812?

- After Napoleon surrendered in 1814, British prepared invasion of U.S. with armada at Chesapeake Bay easily dispersing American militia, pushing into Washington and burning White House and other public buildings
- British army proceeded to Baltimore, but Americans prepared by sinking surrounding ships to block direct British attack (only from a distance)
- Francis Scott Key, Washington lawyer, wrote "Star Spangled Banner" while watching morning battles
- American forces repelled British invasion at northern NY in Plattsburgh; Andrew Jackson led fight in New Orleans against arriving British and repelled troops
 - British and Americans had already signed peace treaty, but news had not yet reached

The British devoted their full efforts to the war after Napoleon surrendered; despite early naval success, the Americans began to resist and eventually signed a peace treaty without losing any land (despite an attack on Washington).

How did the War of 1812 affect New England Federalists?

- Federalists began to support British in war in part due to humiliating failures under Republicans
- Daniel Webster led opposition as majority in New England
 - Talk of secession revived with humiliating war defeats, hoping to depart from nation of slave-owners
 - Met at legislature at Hartford Convention, but moderates outnumbered majority; proposed 7 constitutional amendments
- Victory of Jackson's troops -> amendments of Hartford convention undermined, ignored; final death blow to Federalists

Many Federalists hoped to secede, but the more moderate ones outnumbered them and sought seven Constitutional amendments. However, Jackson's southern victory ultimately crushed Federalists goals forever.

What was the ultimate peace settlement with Britain over the War of 1812?

- Led by John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay, Albert Gallatin; Americans gave up demands for renunciation of impressment, cession of Canada and British ended demands for native buffer states
 - Treaty of Ghent signed in the Netherlands on Christmas Eve 1814
- Commercial treaty followed allowing for free trade with England; Rush-Bagot Treaty -> disarmament on the Great Lakes (and eventually the entire border)
- Other parties in war saw no value from Treaty of Ghent: required land to be returned to natives (though not enforced due to death of Tecumseh)
- War ultimately led to greater westward expansion and encroachment

The British and Americans finally came to an agreement with the Treaty of Ghent, which required both parties to remove their major demands (for America, impressment and Canada; for Britain, buffer states); it was followed by disarmament treaties on the Canadian border and free trade with England. The War of 1812 ultimately led to greater westward expansion.