England did not want the U.S. supplying their enemies with supplies and food.

The Americans wanted to trade with both the English and the French.

TRIBUTE – protection money you pay in order to not be attacked or punished, sort of a bribe.

IMPRESSMENT - is kidnapping, in this case from a ship on the ocean.

EMBARGO ACT OF 1807 - stated no American ships could sail to foreign ports and all American ports were closed to British ships.
The Embargo Act was a disaster - it hurt the U.S. economy very badly.

JAMES MADISON wins the election of 1808.

TECUMSEH - Shawnee chief that organized local tribes against the U.S. government.

The Native Americans and the British join forces after the Battle of Tippecanoe.

WAR HAWKS wanted war with England.
1. U.S. is upset about the impressment of American sailors

2. U.S. is upset about the British stopping their ships at sea

3. U.S. is upset the British have joined forces with the Native Americans

On June 18, 1812 the United States declares war on England

War to 1812 had 2 phases:

1) 1812 to 1814 – England concentrated on defeating the French, pay little attention to U.S.

2) April of 1814 and on - after the British have defeated the French
The American army and navy was very weak at the start of the war.

OLIVER HAZZARD PERRY was an American naval commander in charge of U.S. ships in the Great Lakes.

The British burn the White House and most of Washington DC in the War of 1812.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY wrote the National Anthem as he watched the attack on Fort McHenry.
AMERICAN FLAG AT FORT McHENRY

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ORIGINAL COPY OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
WRITTEN BY FRANCIS SCOTT KEY AS WATCH THE BATTLE AT FORT McHENRY

The hero of the BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS was GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON

BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS
TREATY OF GHENT ended the War of 1812

Basically there was no clear winner and many trade disputes were still unsettled.

Consequences of the War of 1812:

1) Increased American patriotism

2) Weakened the strength of Native Americans toward the government of the United States

3) American trade was expanded and more manufacturing followed the war
4) America proved it could defend itself against a major world power.