

June Trivia Quiz The War of 1812

This Quiz commemorates the the June 18, 1812, adoption of the FIRST Declaration of War by Congress. President James Madison sent a war message to Congress on On June 1, 1812. See what you know, and can learn, about the War of 1812!

1. Why did the United states declare war? _____

2. How many states were in the Union and how many stars were on the Flag when war was declared?

3. Why was there a difference? _____
4. Was the vote to declare war close or unanimous? _____
5. What was the basic American military objective in 1812? _____

6. Where was the first military action in the War of 1812? _____

7. What was the first land action? _____
8. Where did the first American surrender take place? _____
9. When did American General William Hull surrender Detroit to the British? _____
10. Who was Oliver Williams and what was the name of his ship? _____

11. Name the Michigan leader who stayed in Detroit after the surrender to protect the rights of American citizens. _____
12. Where was British General Isaac Brock, who accepted the surrender of Detroit, killed?

13. When did the River Raisin Massacre take place? _____
14. What famous message was sent to General William Henry Harrison by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry after his September 10, 1813, victory at the Battle of Lake Erie?

15. Name the famous Native American leader who was killed at the Battle of the Thames.

16. What is the name of the U.S. ship known as “Old Ironsides”? _____

17. Who saved the Gilbert Stuart painting of President George Washington when the British burned the White House in 1814? _____

18. Who wrote the lyrics that became “The Star-Spangled Banner”? Who sewed the flag for Fort McHenry? Name the commander who ordered the flag. _____

19. In what year did Congress make “The Star Spangled Banner” the National Anthem? Name the President who signed the bill: _____

20. Where is the Fort McHenry garrison flag displayed today? _____

21. The “Star-Spangled Banner” is the 2nd most played song in United States history. Name the most played song: Bonus: What is 3rd most-played song in U.S. history?

22. On what date was the Treaty of Ghent signed? When did the U.S. ratify this treaty, officially ending the War of 1812? _____

23. Who was the hero of the Battle of New Orleans? _____

24. When was Mackinac Island returned to American control? _____

25. When and where was the last battle of the War of 1812 fought? _____

Answers posted on MCHE website: <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org>

War of 1812 Quiz Answers

1. The U.S. objected to British interference with American shipping, impressment of sailors, and British support for Native Americans, especially in the old Northwest.
2. There were fifteen stars on the flag and 18 states in the Union.
3. Congress had not changed the Flag Act since 1794 even though three new states had been admitted. By 1818, when a new Flag Act was approved, there were 20 states.
4. Yes, one of the closest in American history: 79-49 in the House and 19-13 in the Senate.
5. The United States planned three invasion routes into Canada: the Detroit River; the Niagara River; and Lake Champlain/Richelieu River. All three failed.
6. June 23, 1812, in the Atlantic Ocean off the East Coast, Capt. John Rodgers, US Frigate "President" (54 guns) 'vs. British frigate "Belvidera" (42 guns), Captain Richard Byron commanding
7. On June 26, 1812, three American civilians seized Carleton Island in the St. Lawrence River just east of Lake Ontario. Led by Abner Hubbard, an inn-keeper from Mullins Bay, New York, they captured a British sergeant and three invalid soldiers, "the conflict's first prisoners of war."
8. July 17, 1812, at Fort Mackinac by Porter Hanks
9. August 16, 1812
10. Oliver Williams was a Detroit merchant who had the sloop "Friends Good will" built in the winter of 1810-1811 for carrying merchandise on the Great Lakes. The ship was captured by the British at Mackinac, but was recaptured by the Americans at the Battle of Lake Erie. It was destroyed by the British in a December 1812 raid on Buffalo, New York.
11. Judge Augustus B. Woodward
12. Queenston Heights, Ontario
13. January 23 1813
14. "We have met the enemy and they are ours- two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop."
15. Tecumseh
16. U.S.S. Constitution, now docked in Boston Harbor
17. Dolley Madison)

18. Francis Scott Key; Mary Young Pickersgill; Major George Armistead
19. March 3, 1931 President Herbert Hoover
20. National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
21. "Happy Birthday;" "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."
22. Christmas Eve, December 24, 1814, with ratification coming on February 17, 1815
23. Andrew Jackson
24. Although the turnover was to occur by July 15, the event actually took place on July 18, 1815.
25. On June 30, 1815, the U.S. sloop "Peacock" fought the East Indian cruiser "Nautilus" off the coast of Sumatra in the Indian Ocean.

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