

# The War of 1812 Guided Reading Questions

**Directions:** Use the information in Section 4 of Chapter 6 to answer the questions below.

Each question must be answered in complete sentences.

- 1) Why were American ships seized by both Great Britain and France between 1806 and 1810?
- 2) What is “impressment”?
- 3) What is an “embargo”?
- 4) Why did President Jefferson demand that Congress pass an embargo on American goods to Europe?
- 5) What factors motivated Tecumseh to create a Confederation of native American tribes?
- 6) Why did the battles with Tecumseh’s Confederacy motivate Senator’s Calhoun and Clay to call for against Great Britain?
- 7) What were the strengths and weaknesses of the U.S. Navy during the War of 1812?
- 8) Why did the British decide to burn the White House?
- 9) Given better communications technology, should the Battle of New Orleans have ever taken place?
- 10) What were the terms of the Treaty of Ghent?