# War of 1812 Video Detail Organizer

## Causes for the War:
- Britain was stopping American ships and forcing American sailors to serve in the British Navy to fight against France, this made America upset
- America wanted to prove it was a real country!
  - Americans were afraid that the British wanted to re-conquer the American colonies
- Americans believed the British were helping First Nations by supplying guns etc. to attack American forts and towns on the frontier

## OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS:
- War declared June, 1812
- American army wasn’t very good or ready to fight a war – mostly made up of militia
- Battle of Queenston heights fought by Six Nations warriors who held the Americans off while waiting for British reinforcements
- Americans weren’t well trained and the generals were “idiots”
  - Hull is used as an example of this
- Americans invaded Upper Canada in 1813 and attacked York (the capital of Upper Canada)
  - Americans burned legislative building and used a “scalp” they found as propaganda against the “savages” in league with the British (probably didn’t actually exist, probably just a wig)
- British and Canadians marched to Washington and burned the White House in retaliation
- Mostly a war of raids where both sides would raid, burn stuff and retreat
- British defeated at New Orleans in 1815, but Treaty of Ghent already signed end of 1814

## Results of the War:
- Both Canadians (British) and Americans claim victory – confusing and messy
- Helps build solidarity and Canadian identity because Americans had burned towns and villages when they invaded
  - Canadians now wanted to be NOT associated with America
  - Canadians were loyal to the British monarchy
- Treaty of Ghent was signed in 1815
  - Basically everything goes back to the way it was before the war
  - Battle of New Orleans was fought after the treaty was signed and so also didn’t really matter in the end
- First Nations were the real losers of the War of 1812 because the British abandoned them after making promises of land etc. and the First Nations helped defend Canada against the Americans
- Ideas about First Nations also didn’t change – still talk of them being savages and the Americans are scared because Tecumseh’s warriors will massacre everyone (but not actually)
- American national anthem is written about the American victory at Fort McHenry – small battle that didn’t mean anything in the grand scheme of things
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<th>Person of interest details:</th>
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|                          | 1. Tecumseh  
|                          | 2. Laura Secord  
|                          | 3. Sir General Isaac Brock  
|                          | 4. James Madison |
| What:                    | 1. Shawnee warrior aligned with the British  
|                          | a. Represented resistance and strength “sexiest man alive”  
|                          | i. Wanted to preserve First Nations ways of life and rejected the treaties signed with Americans |
|                          | b. Wanted a First Nations homeland because he didn’t like the “selling of land” to Americans |
|                          | c. Embodied First Nations resistance to European and American expansion into the west – wanted to unite ALL First Nations groups against them |
|                          | d. Was the leader of this resistance and if he hadn’t died would have been very influential and could have made changes for First Nations  
|                          | 2. Was a Canadian woman living in Upper Canada, near Niagara  
|                          | a. Warned the British that an American attack was going to take place at Queenston Heights |
|                          | b. Walked 32 km through land infested with American troops – Lieutenant James Fitzgibbons  
|                          | c. Ran into friendly Mohawk warriors who helped her  
|                          | 3. Was the general in charge of protecting Canada against the American invaders  
|                          | a. Called a “Hero of Canada”  
|                          | b. Brock is handsome and awesome, but didn’t really like Canada – did like Tecumseh |
|                          | c. Attacked Fort Detroit with Tecumseh and won – tricked General Hull into thinking the Canadian militia was better than they were by dressing them up like regular British soldiers  
|                          | i. Tecumseh has his warriors ride back and forth in front of the fort so it looks like there’s more warriors than there is  
|                          | ii. Upper Canadians think we might just have a chance now and now want to fight for Canada  
|                          | d. Fought at Queenston Heights – Americans Invaded in 1812, Brock rides to the rescue but dies in the battle  
|                          | 4. President of America during the war of 1812  
|                          | a. Convinced Congress to go to war – based on points in the causes section  
|                          | b. America in debt during war and is funded in part by rich guy David Parrish  
|                          | i. Loaned all the money for the war – didn’t want war around the St. Lawrence where he owned land  
|                          | ii. St. Lawrence was the gateway to the colony, but couldn’t take it because taking money from parrish  
|                          | c. Wife was Dolley Madison who was pretty cool and saved a bunch of stuff when the British burned the white house |
|                          | d. Abandoned the Whitehouse and Washington when British attacked |
| Where:                          | 1. Fought in Detroit, Kentucky and travelled all over America to unite First Nations groups  
                                         a. Died in battle in Upper Canada  
                                         2. Niagara area in Upper Canada  
                                         3. Upper Canada, Detroit and specifically Queenston Heights, where he died – he was from Britain, but didn’t really like Canada  
                                         4. America and Washington |
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| When:                           | 1. 1812-1813 (when he fought and died against the Americans)  
                                         2. 1813 (when she warned the British)  
                                         3. Fought in Detroit and Queenston Heights in 1812  
                                         4. 1809-1817 (he was the president), 1812-1815 (when the war took place) |
| Why:                            | 1. Wanted to unify all First Nations against Americans and Europeans – to create specified land for them  
                                         2. Loyal to Canada and the British and wanted to help the war effort  
                                         3. British General in charge of protecting Canada – didn’t love Upper Canada but we celebrate him as a hero now  
                                         4. Wanted Congress to declare war because he was worried the British would take over the colony |

**SHOULD BE MORE OF THE WHY IN YOUR NOTES**