



The War of 1812- The Conflict Which Forged A New Nation

LECTURE SUMMARY

The War of 1812 is a misunderstood and in many ways a “forgotten war”. Raging from June 1812 to January 1815, this conflict with the British was caused by continuing acts of piracy against American shipping and the impressment of thousands of sailors against their will. Yet the war had many positive repercussions. America proved herself, taking a place among the most powerful nations, gaining stature in the eyes of the world. An American icon- the Star-Spangled Banner was born, the song becoming our National Anthem and the flag which flew above Fort McHenry treasured as proof of our dedication to liberty.

- Piracy on the open seas- prelude to war
- America battles a major foe for the second time
- Initial defeats spell near disaster for our young nation
- Unexpected surprises- victories on the water
- Public humiliation- our capital is burned
- Our flag was still there- an American icon is born
- The flag and the poem- symbols of liberty
- Unresolved mysteries surrounding the Star-Spangled Banner
- “Forgotten wars”- the War of 1812, Korea and Vietnam
- Honoring our Veterans from all wars- the heroes of America

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