

Who Won the War (of 1812)?



In 1812, the U.S. declared war on the United Kingdom, officially beginning the War of 1812. What started the war? Did it play a significant role in history? The answers depend on who tells the story.

Below are excerpts from textbook descriptions of the War of 1812. Select the country where the textbook was written.

1. "Little was resolved for the future by the Peace of Ghent which ended the official hostilities. . . . Many Americans still harboured grudges against Britain going back to the War of Independence."
 - Canada
 - Great Britain
 - United States
 - Caribbean
2. "The Americans treated the War of 1812 as a second War of Independence, a necessary struggle to complete the process of separation from the mother country. National survival was taken as victory. From the British perspective, the war had been little more than a sideshow to the major struggle, which was against Napoleon in Europe. Only in the Canadas did the War of 1812 have any great impact."
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3. "Between 1812 and 1814 Britain and the United States fought a war over [trade with Latin America]."
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4. "After the War of 1812, Americans felt a new sense of patriotism and a strong national identity. The young nation also gained new respect from other nations in the world."
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