

Treaty of Ghent Simulation

American

American Dossier-

The United States had made the decision to no longer endure the British superpower running roughshod over them, a fledgling, neutral power in North America. The British had been supplying the Native Americans with weapons and inciting them to attack peaceful settlers in the Western territories since the end of the Revolutionary War. The British Navy had infringed on the sovereignty of the United States by impressing American citizens into the British Navy. The United States made mistakes during the war but showed its strength by defeating the British Navy in both the Atlantic and the Great Lakes.

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The Native Americans who fought against the Americans in the War of 1812, hoped to create a homeland for themselves from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. Native Americans wanted to stop the American government from picking off Native tribes one by one and create a federation to look out for the best interest of all Native Americans in North America. William Henry Harrison the Governor of the Indian Territories has unlawfully acquired Native land throughout the Ohio River Valley. His massacre at Prophetstown forced the Native Americans to join the side of the British. The white European settlers were not satisfied with the land they had acquired from the Native people and had to be stopped from taking all their land in North America. The Native American warriors fought with honor and strength and the British would not have been able to defend her Canadian colonies without their aid.

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The British considered the War of 1812 a minor irritant and a diversion from the world war they were fighting against Napoleon in Europe. The United States was trading and providing supplies to the enemy of the British, the French. Britain was concerned with protecting its Canadian colonies from an invasion from the South. The United States engaged in state licensed pirating or privateering against the British navy which endangered the British attempts to protect the world from the despot Napoleon. The British army and its allies were able to repel all attempts by the Americans to invade Canadian territory as well as burn down the home of the President in the Capital of the United States, Washington D.C.

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