Student Directions: Battles of the War of 1812

Part 1: Learning about the battles

1. Open Early Foreign Policy.
   * After entering your name and clicking Start, watch the Introduction. Think about the complicated relationships that the United States had with Britain and France following the Revolutionary War and independence.
   * Select the Early Foreign Policy button (at the top of the page).
   * Use the blue, page-navigation buttons to go to page 19. Listen to the information provided on pages 19-25. Note key events, including how, when, and where the war ended. In addition,
     + Select the interactive point on page 20 (iP: War Hawk's Speech) to listen to an excerpt of a war debate.
     + Select the interactive point on page 24 (iP: War of 1812 Map) to review key events.
2. Open the *War of 1812: Map* web site to learn about significant battles. Take notes on the location, date, and winner of each of the following battles:
   * Fort Detroit (Hull's Surrender)
   * Battle of Lake Erie
   * Battle of Lake Champlain
   * Battle of Bladensburg (Washington Burned)
   * Battle of New Orleans
3. Explore the *Capture of Detroit, War of 1812*, *Reliving History: The War of 1812 in North America*, and *Battle of Lake Champlain* web sites to find out more about these significant battles.

Part 2: Setting up the atlas tool

1. Open the Interactive Atlas.
2. Launch the Quick Tour to learn how to navigate through the Atlas and to use the provided Draw Tools.
3. Select the United States tab.
4. Zoom in to enlarge the map, focusing on the states from Maine to Louisiana.
5. Under the View menu, un-check *State names*, *State borders*, and *Latitude/longitude*. Check *Lakes and rivers*.

Part 3: Creating your map

1. You are going to create a map identifying these War of 1812 battles by location, date, and winner:
   * Fort Detroit (Hull's Surrender)
   * Battle of Lake Erie
   * Battle of Lake Champlain
   * Battle of Bladensburg (Washington Burned)
   * Battle of New Orleans
2. Change the color for the Draw Tools to blue.
3. Select the Flag Tool. Create blue flags to mark the locations of battles won by the United States. Consult the *War of 1812: Map* web site to place these flags accurately.
4. Select the Text Tool. Next to each blue flag, add a label with the battle name (first line of text) and approximate date (second line of text).
5. Change the color for the Draw Tools to red.
6. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to mark and label each battle won by the British.
7. Use the Zoom and Reset/Rescale features so that both the eastern portion of the United States and Europe are visible.
8. Change the color for the Draw Tools to black.
9. Select the Flag Tool. Create a black flag to mark the country where the Treaty of Ghent was negotiated.
10. Select the Text Tool. Next to the black flag, add a label with the treaty name, location (second line of text), and date it was signed (third line of text).
11. Select the Line Tool.
12. Draw a black arrow from the United States (the site of the war) to the site of treaty negotiations.
13. Follow your teacher's instructions for saving, printing, or e-mailing your map.

Part 4: Next steps

Complete these steps as directed by your teacher.

1. Read the information provided by the *Treaty of Ghent* web site. Also, review your map and what you learned from the Early Foreign Policy tool.
2. Be prepared to discuss or provide written answers to the following questions:
   * What was significant about the timing of the Battle of New Orleans and what were the reason(s) for that timing?
   * All of the battles in the War of 1812 were fought in the United States. Why do you think the peace treaty was negotiated in Europe?

How did the war's outcome affect the development of the United States as a struggling nation?