

FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN EARLY AMERICA PROJECT

After you finish your Foreign Affairs in Early America dilemmas, pick one of the following topics and do one of the activities below. You will need to use other resources to learn more information about your topic to do this project. Look in *Call to Freedom* or on line.

Topics:

- a. XYZ Affair
- b. Impressment of American sailors
- c. Barbary Pirate attacks on American ships
- d. War of 1812: Battles at Ft. McHenry
- e. War of 1812: Attack on Washington, DC
- f. War of 1812: Battle of New Orleans
- g. Monroe Doctrine

Activities:

1. Create a Comic Strip. Explain your topic in a color comic strip, complete with comic-style illustrations and dialogue bubbles. Your comic strip needs to have at least 7 cells (boxes).

2. Create a Political Cartoon. Create a one cell political cartoon that shows an opinion or analysis about your topic. Include a combination of symbols, dialog, labels, and captions to tell your message. (Cartoons on HA 156, 167, 172, from the election unit back in Oct, or in the newspaper can serve as a guide.)

3. Propaganda Poster. Create a poster that tries to persuade people's opinions about your topic. Include a slogan and imagery. (Propaganda posters from WWII, Rosie the Riveter, are good models.)

4. Poetry. Write an "Inside/Outside Poem" that captures the content and feelings expressed by the president associated with your topic. Get the directions page from the teacher if you pick this option. Or write another style of poetry that is appropriate. (rant)

5. Presidential Monument. Design a monument that commemorates the presidency of either Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, or Monroe. (Investigate the current monuments in Washington, DC for inspiration.) Sketch the structure that you would build and write a description of your design. Write a dedication plaque that describes the highlights of his presidency; make sure to include information about foreign affairs.

6. Song. Write the lyrics to a song/rap about your topic and set them to the music of a well-known song/rap. (Star Spangled Banner, any Disney song, etc.)