

Foreign Affairs in Early America

A. Washington Creates a Foreign Policy

Read Section 12.1 (in *History Alive!*) and summarize George Washington's Foreign Policy.

Include these terms in your answer: "Washington, France, Neutrality, Farewell Address, Isolationism"

B. Dilemma 1: What Should President Adams Do to Protect American Ships?

I. Read Section 12.2 and then discuss this question with your group and write down one of the policies below after making your choice:

- A. Request that Congress declare war on France immediately.
- B. Make a military alliance with Britain and try to beat the French.
- C. Continue to build stronger defenses for American shipping, and negotiate with the French.
- D. Stop American shipping to avoid conflict.

II. Read Section 12.3 and summarize what actually happened.

Include these terms in your answer: "Adams, Jay Treaty, XYZ Affair, France, Napoleon"

Draw the spectrum below on your paper. Place an "X" to show where your group's choice belongs.



C. Dilemma 2: How Should President Jefferson Deal with Pirates?

I. Read Section 12.4 then discuss this question with your group and write down one of the policies below after making your choice:

- A. Pay the increased tribute as requested and avoid bloodshed.
- B. Send a peace envoy to negotiate.
- C. Send troops to force the pirates to allow American ships to trade freely in the Mediterranean.
- D. Order American shipping out of the Mediterranean to avoid unnecessary conflict.

II. Read Section 12.5 and summarize what actually happened.

Include in your answer: "Jefferson, Impressment, Barbary Pirates, Britain, Embargo"

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D. Dilemma 3: What Should President Madison Do to Protect Sailors and Settlers?

I. Read Section 12.6 then discuss this question with your group and write down one of the policies below after making your choice:

- A. Declare war on Great Britain and attack the British on land and sea.
- B. Declare war on Great Britain, but only wage a war at sea.
- C. Delay declaring war on Great Britain until the country is prepared to win.
- D. Do not declare war on Great Britain. The risks are not worth it.

II. Read Section 12.7 and summarize what actually happened:

Include in your answer: "Madison, Britain, War of 1812, White House, 'Star-Spangled Banner', Jackson, National Pride"

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E. Dilemma 4: What Should President Monroe Do to Support the New Latin American Nations?

I. Read Section 12.8 then discuss this question with your group and write down one of the policies below after making your choice:

- A. Join in an alliance with Great Britain to support Latin American independence.
- B. Do not join an alliance with Great Britain, and warn Europe to stay out of Latin America.
- C. Allow the Latin American countries to defend themselves.
- D. Work to create an alliance with all of the Latin American countries to defend their independence against European interference.

II. Read Section 12.9 and summarize what actually happened:

Include in your answer: "Monroe, Latin America, Independence, Europe, Monroe Doctrine"

Draw the spectrum below on your paper. Place an "X" to show where your group's choice belongs.

