

## War of 1812 Activity:

A number of Congressmen (War Hawks) are demanding a declaration of war against Great Britain. Other Congressmen are opposed to an action that would lead to war.

1. Very end of Day 1: Read Handouts for next time and be prepared to debate (not argue) why the US should or should not declare war on the British. Have a list of at least 6 reasons for war and 6 reasons against war by our NEXT class.
2. Day 2: Divide class into 3 groups: pro, con, and undecided. The Pro group goes to one side, the Con group to the other. The neutrals in the middle. As the debate continues (awarding pts for good arguments) the neutrals have to decide which group to join. When they move, they have to say what convinced them (award pts based on intelligence of answer)
3. Day 2: When all have moved, I will divide you again. The divisions will be North, South, and West. Each region will:
  - a. Select a chairperson, who will direct the group
  - b. Select a secretary to record your decision
  - c. Select someone to write your formal recommendation on p.29 of your handouts.
  - d. Everyone signs, but if you are opposed, write (opposed) after your name.
  - e. Select a speaker to deliver your decision
4. Hold a Senate vote, in which each state has 2 votes.

