**1812—Should we go to war???**

**Link**: <https://www.nps.gov/fomc/castyourvote/explore.cfm>

**Purpose**:

1) Students will examine numerous regional perspectives from across the country to identify the reasons given to declare and not declare war on the British

2) Students assess the various reasons in order to cast their vote if the United States Congress should declare war

**Directions**:

1) You may work individually, or with **1** partner. If you work with a partner, your group of two will turn in one sheet with both of your names on it.

2) Using the link given above, go to that website and listen to what President James Madison has to say.

3) Click on “Explore Perspectives” button, use this material to complete the given worksheet by watching the individual video clips and then identifying if each character is pro-war or anti-war, and noting/explaining their reasons/rationale for their stance.

4) Finally, *USING THE BACK OF YOUR WORKSHEET*, make your own choice as to whether the U.S. should go back to war with Britain or not, ***and*** state your own reasons/rationale, by citing some of the perspectives that you just listened to and/or by using the textbook reading from last night.