

# The War of 1812



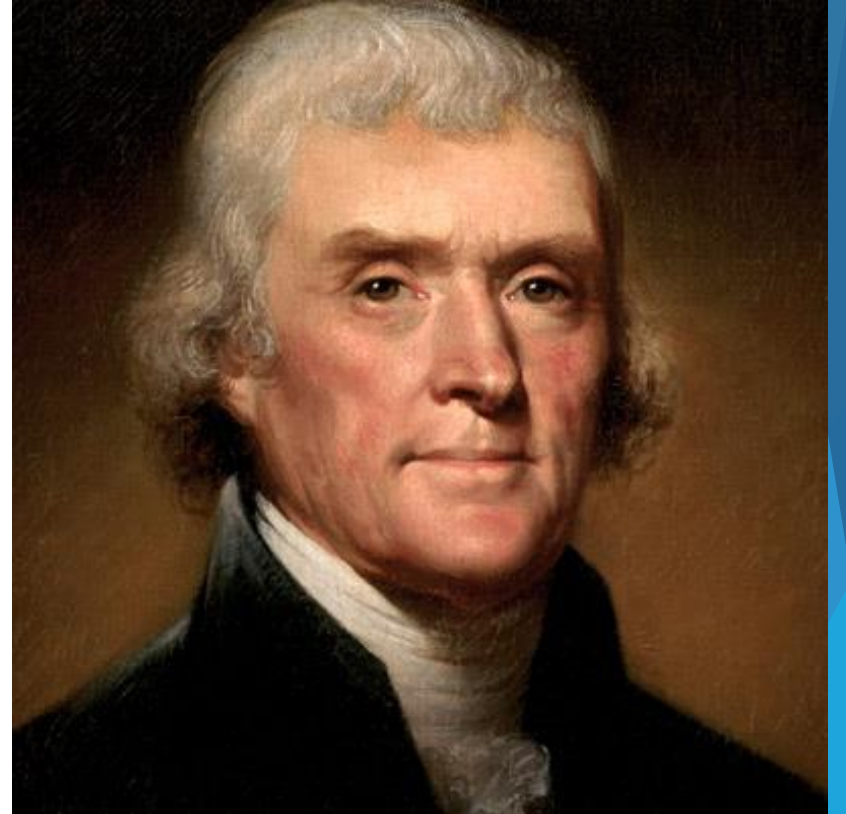
# Reasons for War

- 1) British harassment of American navy ships
  - ▶ Orders in council
  - ▶ Looking for deserters
- 2) Manifest Destiny
  - ▶ American desire to expand and dominate all of North America



# Declaration of War

- ▶ President James Madison declared war against Great Britain (and thus British North America) in 1812.
- ▶ Former President, Thomas Jefferson:
  - ▶ Conquering Canada would be “a mere matter of marching”





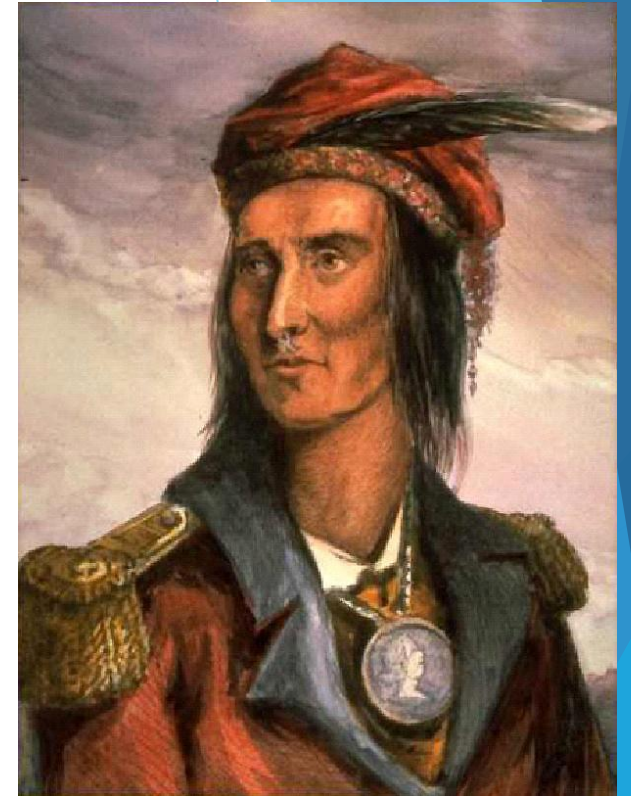
# Heroes and Heroines

- ▶ Isaac Brock
  - ▶ British General
  - ▶ Led Canadian and British troops
  - ▶ Partnered with First Nations (Tecumseh)
  - ▶ Tough, daring, bold, professional soldier
  - ▶ Killed at the battle of Queenston Heights



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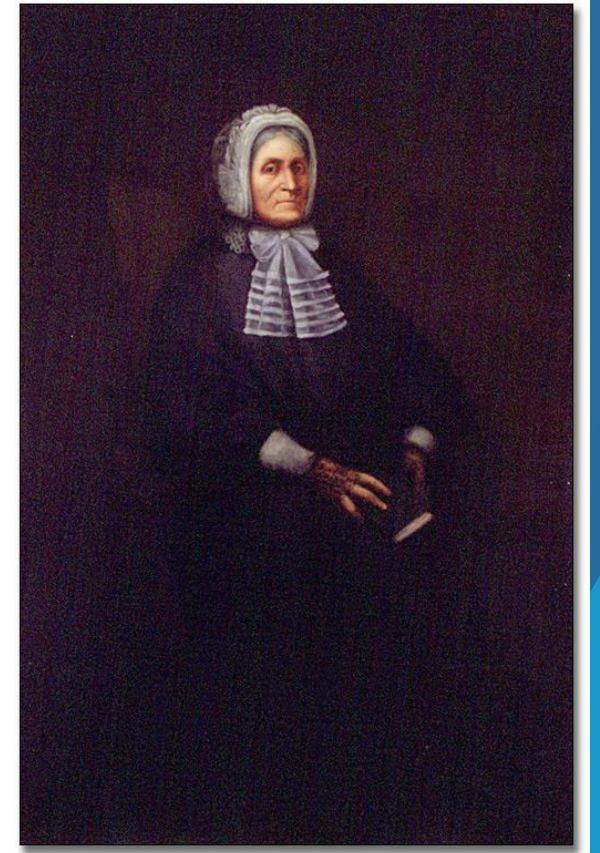
- ▶ Tecumseh
  - ▶ Shawnee Chief
  - ▶ Partnered with Isaac Brock
  - ▶ Resisted American expansion  
(desired an independent First Nation state)
  - ▶ Died at the battle of the Thames



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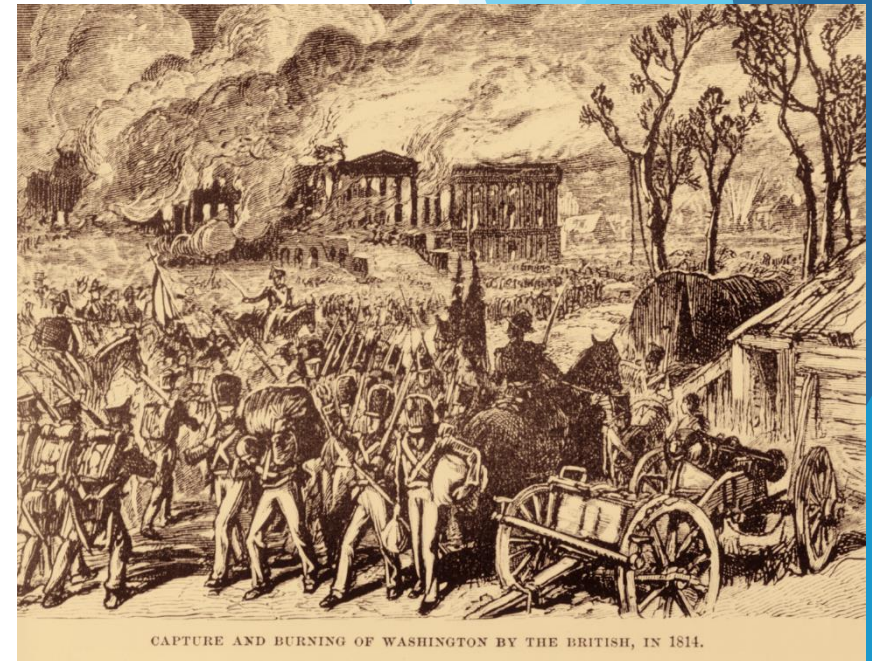
## ▶ Laura Secord

- ▶ Husband was injured at the Battle of Queenston Heights
- ▶ Was allowed to rescue husband, but was forced to allow American soldiers to stay in her house, and she would have to cook and clean for them
- ▶ Overheard information on an American attack
- ▶ Travelled 32km over 18 hours to warn the British
- ▶ Lieutenant James Fitzgibbons was able to defeat the Americans at the Battle of Beaver Dams



# Important Battles

- ▶ Fort Detroit
  - ▶ First Canadian Victory
- ▶ Beaver Dams
  - ▶ Laura Secord
- ▶ Lundy's Lane
  - ▶ Bloodiest battle of the war
- ▶ Burning of York (Capital of Upper Canada)
- ▶ Burning of Washington (Capital of USA)
- ▶ Battle of New Orleans (Andrew Jackson)





# The End

- ▶ The War of 1812 ends in 1814 with signing of the Treaty of Ghent
  - ▶ Borders re-established
- ▶ Winners?