

Name: _____ Date: _____

What Would You Choose? Studying the War of 1812 with Primary Sources

Definitions “Primary Source”: the raw materials of history—original documents and objects that were created at the time under study (Library of Congress)

Directions:

- Read each primary source carefully.
- Identify and list three reasons for or against conflict mentioned in each source.
- Compare the reasons to find common themes and differences.
- Defend a reason for or against the War of 1812.

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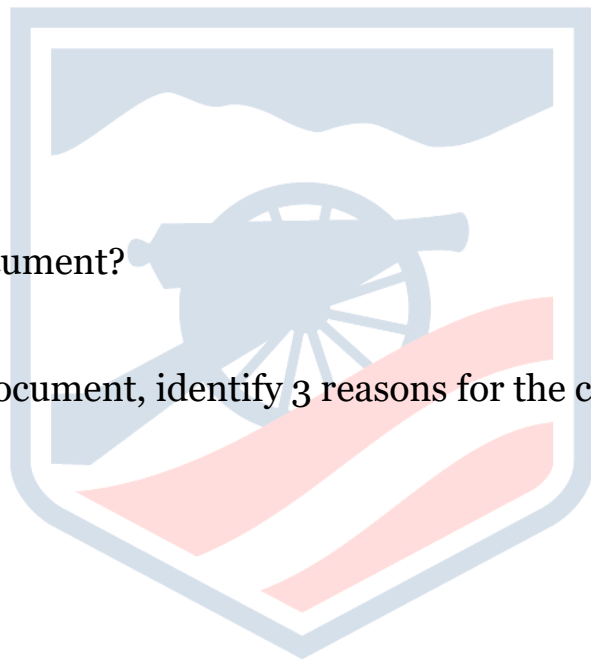
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Comparison and Analysis:

1. Common Themes:

Identify any common themes or reasons for the conflict that appear across multiple sources.

2. Differences

Identify and note any significant differences in the reasons for conflict between the sources.

3. Historical Context

Are some of the causes of the war in the primary sources still practiced today or is there a difference of historical time and place that should be considered. Briefly explain.



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Your Opinion

1. If you lived in the United States in 1812, would you support the War of 1812? Why or why not?

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