

# American Foreign Trade: 1800-1812

## 1800-1801

- Jefferson is elected ⇒ power turned over to the Democratic-Republicans
- Britain and France threatening war with each other; Boost to American shipping

## 1801

- Tensions with the Barbary pirates ⇒ Demand for extra tribute; Jefferson refused to pay and placed blockade on Tripoli (not effective since Navy was too weak)

## 1803-1807

- Louisiana Purchase treaty ratified by Congress; USA paid 15 million to France
- 1804 Jefferson is re-elected; landslide victory
- 1805 USA pays Tripoli \$60,000 ransom for American prisoners ⇒ USA ships free to use the Mediterranean Sea
- Britain and France at war ⇒ begin to violate America's neutral rights and Britain impresses American sailors

## 1807

- British attack on the Chesapeake
- Embargo Act issued (prohibits all trade with all countries) ⇒ Economic disaster for the USA and ineffective against Britain

## 1808

- Jefferson does not run for a third term; landslide victory for James Madison (Democratic-Republican)

## 1809

- Nonintercourse Act replaces the Embargo Act (only prohibits trade with Britain and France)

## 1810

- USA divided ⇒ War Hawks (Democratic-Republicans) v. Peace Doves (Federalists)

## 1811

- Battle of Tippecanoe ⇒ American victory, but forced Native Americans to form an alliance with Britain

## 1812

- USA declares war on Britain

