

NOTES: America and Foreign Policy Dilemmas, Part One!

Foreign Dilemma #1:

What should President Adams do to protect American ships?

- President John Adams soon realized after he became president that staying _____ and neutral with the nation of France was nearly impossible
- The French had always viewed the _____ as their natural enemies. When America formed an alliance with England, France saw this as a _____. In response, they began attacking _____ merchant ships.
- Throughout the year 1797, France _____ and seized over 316 American ships.



The XYZ Affair

- To deal with the French, President Adams sent three _____, or representatives, to France to end the attacks. To insult the Americans, the French Minister _____ to meet with the diplomats and instead sent secret agents—known as X, Y, and Z—to meet with the Americans.
- The French X, Y, and Z secret _____ demanded that the Americans pay France a _____ to get them to stop attacking American ships. In response, the Americans REFUSED to pay anything to France and reported this back to the President.
- President Adams decided to recruit an army and use American ships to _____ the French at sea. Though war was never declared, this show of strength showed the world that America would not take abuse without _____ back!

War or Peace? Arrow or the Olive Branch?

- President Adams knew that he could declare a _____ with France and have the support of many angry Americans. Adams also knew, however, that war would not be good for America and that it was in our interests to keep _____ with the French.
- When Napoleon took over France in 1799, he was ready to make peace with America and agreed to _____ attacking our ships at sea.
- President Adams chose the _____ instead of the arrows to solve our first foreign dilemma!

Foreign Dilemma #2:

How should President Jefferson deal with kidnapers?

- When France and Britain entered war with each other, they insisted that _____ take a side! When Jefferson took office, he wanted to practice isolationism and stay out of Europe's _____.
- Unfortunately, France and England would not allow for American neutrality. Both countries started _____ American ships if they attempted to _____ with the enemy country.
- Both England and France started impressing, or _____, American sailors and forced them to serve in the British or French navy!



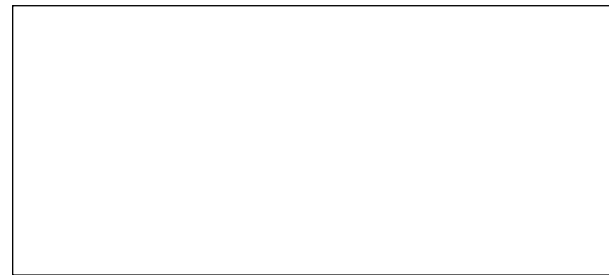
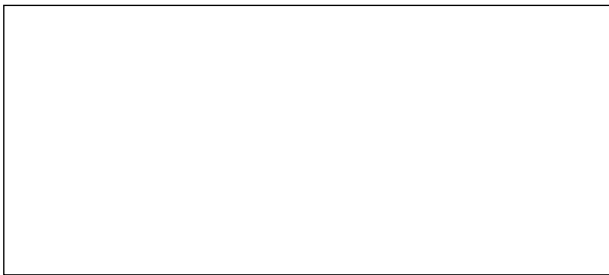
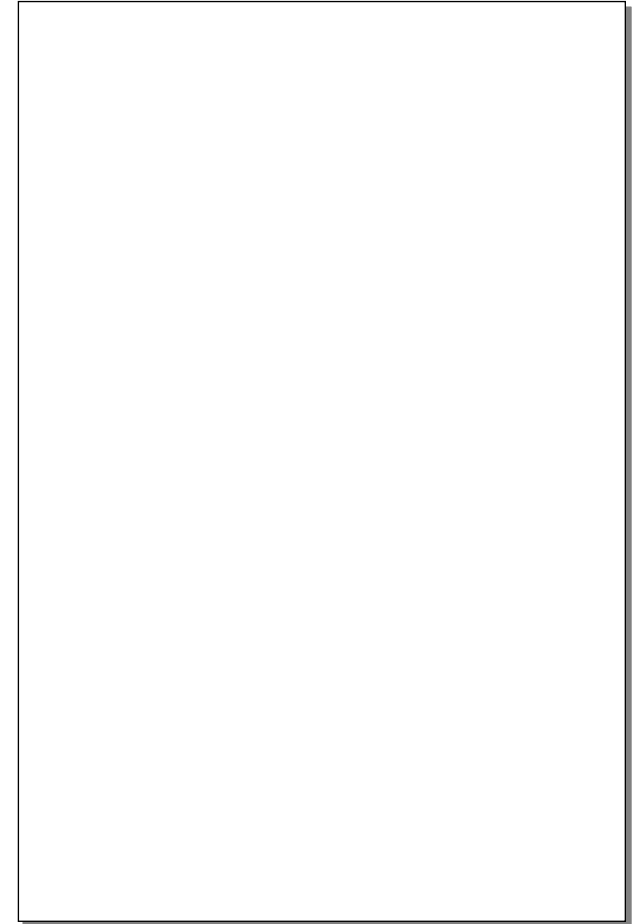
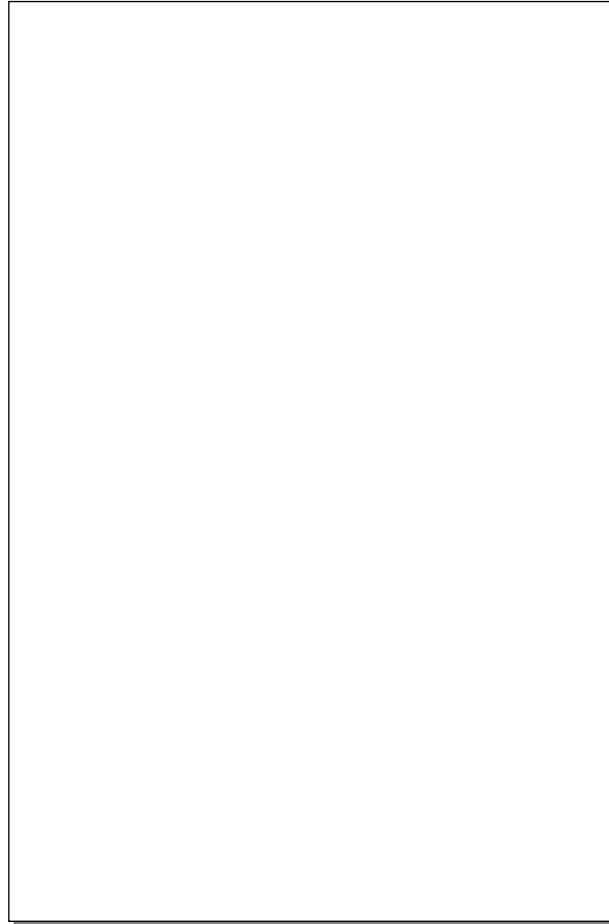
Trade Embargo!

- To stop France and Britain from impressing, or kidnapping, American sailors, President Jefferson proposed an _____—a complete _____ to all trade with France and Britain.
- Jefferson hoped that this embargo would hurt France and Britain and it would convince them to stop the _____ of Americans.
- Unfortunately, Jefferson realized that _____ hated this embargo more than anyone else—it hurt the American _____ and cursed Jefferson by calling it the “o-grab-me”—
embargo spelled backwards 😊
- Eventually, Congress _____
Jefferson’s embargo, but the French and British continued to _____
American ships.



ACTIVITY: XYZ Affair!

DIRECTIONS: Create a comic strip that illustrates what happened during the XYZ affair. The first box should illustrate the CAUSE of the problem, the second box should show me what happened during the XYZ affair, and the third box should show me how Adams responded to the XYZ affair. Be sure to use **color** and write a caption explaining each picture you drew!



HW#4.8: Jefferson's Trade Embargo!

DIRECTIONS: Create a comic strip that illustrates what happened during the trade embargo. The first box should illustrate the CAUSE of the embargo, the second box should show me what the embargo did to America's economy, and the third box should show me how Americans responded to the embargo. Be sure to use **color** and write a caption explaining each picture you drew! Use your notes from class today – be detailed and accurate!

