

Lesson: Discussions between Henry Clay and President Madison (Drama)

Time: 45 minutes first day, 15 minute of prep time second day and three minutes per student for skit.

Type: Skit

Reason: Teach Storytelling

Lecture: “Tension between Britain and the United States increased. Trade almost came to a halt. The United States believed Britain was supporting Tecumseh in his attempt to hinder westward expansion. Because of all of this President Madison was pressured into asking Congress to declare a war on Britain in June of 1812 by a group called War Hawks. This was a big debate between President Madison and Henry Clay.”

Lesson: “Like in the past lesson you are going to put on a short skit. However this one is not going to be as dramatic as the last one. With the partner that I have assigned to you, you need to create a skit about the discussions that President Madison and Henry Clay had about the war with Britain. You need to make sure to use persuasive language when describing the views of Henry Clay, a War Hawk. You will be performing these skits for the class tomorrow. Today you will have 30 minutes to work on it and will have another 15 minutes to work on it before you perform your skits. Make sure to find factual information. The textbook is a great source, as is the internet and the library.”

Closure: Tomorrow we will be taking all of the viewpoints that you have learned in this unit and creating something fun during music part of class.