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Research a Battle

Research Question: What other land or naval battles occurred during the War of 1812, and how did they affect the direction or outcome of the war?

Step 1: Use an internet search engine to find basic information about each of the land and naval battles listed below. After reading about each battle, choose one of the battles to investigate further.

- Battle of Queenston Heights (1812)
- United States vs. Macedonia (1812)
- Chesapeake vs. Lawrence (1813)
- Battle of Crysler's Farm (1813)
- Battle of Chippewa [also spelled Chippawa] (1813)
- Battle of Lundy's Lane (1814)
- Battle of Plattsburgh (1814)
- Battle of North Point (1814)

Step 2: Conduct additional research about the battle you selected—find the answers to the questions below.

1. What was the historical, military, or geographical context for the battle? (Why did the battle happen where it did?)

2. What was the immediate cause of the battle? (What prompted both sides to start shooting at each other on that particular day?)

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3. How large were the forces engaged in the battle? (For a land battle this should be the number and type of troops involved on each side. For a naval battle this should be the type of ships and number of guns on each)

4. What tactics or actions were taken by each side during the battle? (What did each side do to try to win?)

5. What was the immediate outcome of the battle? (Who won and why?)

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6. What was the overall significance of the battle within the larger context of the War of 1812? (How did this battle affect the overall war?)

7. What sources did you use for this information?

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Step 3. Choose one of the forms below to share what you have learned about the land or naval battle that you researched.

Form and Directions	Requirements
<p>Annotated Battle Map</p> <p>Draw and annotate a map of the battle, including troop and/or ship positions at the start of the battle and troop and/or ship movements during the battle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Images and labels identifying each place on the map• Arrows indicating troop movements during the battle• Visual indication of who won the battle
<p>Soldier's Diary</p> <p>Create a fictional diary entry written by an American soldier or sailor who participated in the battle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An explanation of why the soldier or sailor was in the Army or Navy• A description of the events of the battle• An assessment of the battle's effect on you and your fellow soldiers or sailors moral
<p>News of the War</p> <p>Write a newspaper article that could have been written by an American reporter recounting the battle right after it happened.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A description of the events leading up to and during the battle• An explanation of the outcome of the battle• An assessment of the American public's mood following the battle
