

Response to Readings: Monday, June 25, 2012

Summer Institute

The War of 1812, Transportation, and Industrialism: The Midwest & the Making of Modern America

Core theme: Growing the Nation: Transportation, Communication, and Westward Movement

Cause and Effect is one of the frameworks historians use to think about the past (see Mandell and Malone, *Thinking like an Historian*). As you read the secondary and primary sources listed below, consider the War of 1812 and the economic and territorial development of the US in the decades after the war in a cause and effect relationship.

Then, in one to two pages, write about how the war and its outcome contributed to the territorial and economic growth of the United States in the 19th century.

Reading:

The Civil War of 1812. Alan Taylor. NY: Knopf, 2010.

Introduction: pp. 2-12

Chapter 8: Scalps: pp. 202-233

Chapter 9: Flames: pp. 235-267.

Chapter 15: Peace: pp. 408-439

Throes of Democracy: The American Civil War Era, 1829-1877. Walter McDougall. New York: Harper, 2009.

Chapter 3: "Migrants, Farmers [&] Mechanics . . . : The Anxious, Exciting Birth of an Industrial People, 1830-1860." pp. 105-157

Technology, Transportation, & the Industrial Revolution, Ted Dahlstrand, editor.

Collection of primary sources

Retrieving the American Past: Contemporary Views on the War of 1812. Peter Hahn, editor.

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