

Questions for analyzing the arguments made for or against war with Britain before 1812.

Felix Grundy

What position does Mr. Grundy take towards going to war against Britain?

What is the practice of impressing sailors? (In your notes).

Why does Mr. Grundy believe that England has influenced Native American tribes in their attacks on Americans? (Use textual evidence in your answer).

Mr. Grundy believes that the war will have advantages if the US finds themselves successful. What are the two reasons he mentions?

The United States during this time still does not have all of Louisiana Territory occupied with settlers. What is Mr. Grundy's concern for the eastern portion of the US [north and south] if that area is fully occupied?

Looking at the arguments made by Mr. Grundy, which argument do you feel is the strongest? Which argument do you feel is the weakest? Explain your reasoning.

John Randolph

In his opening paragraph, what does Mr. Randolph insinuate about the arguments that the English have influenced Native Americans? What does he say is Mr. Grundy's true motive in the first paragraph?

Why does Mr. Randolph believe that the Native Americans are attacking United States citizens in the West?

Mr. Randolph states that we share common ground with the English. Out of the reasons listed, which is the most important in your opinion and why?

Imagine that you are living during this time period. You know that England has been stopping merchant ships and impressing sailors and you know that people in the west are clashing with the Natives of those regions. Which of these two gentlemen's argumentations would you support. Explain your position by comparing the arguments made in the two texts. (For example: if you agree with Mr. Randolph about not using Natives as a reason for war with England you may state the reasons listed by Mr. Grundy and then compare those to Mr. Randolph's explain gin why you think his are more convincing.)