

Early United States Map Study Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____



Please study Map A that shows the United States and her neighbors before the War of 1812, in 1810, and Map B that shows the United States and her neighbors in 1820 after the War of 1812. From 1800 – 1853 the country acquired all the rest of the land that forms the continental United States. The War of 1812 happened during the westward expansion of the United States. The Congress was interested in using the war to expand the countries territory and secure maritime rights.

1. Find Michigan on the map A. Note the land mass extends beyond the current Michigan boundaries. As a goal of the War of 1812 President Madison was looking to invade Canada. Why do you think battles were waged in Detroit and Frenchtown?
2. Study Maps A & B. What changed between 1810 and 1820? Name two differences on the 1820 map, one thing that is difference about Michigan and one thing that is different about the United States.
3. Michigan does not become a state until 1848, why would Michigan be called a part of the Midwest and not the Northeast? Please explain your answer in terms that explain the westward expansion.