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| Session 1:  Anchor Text  Excerpt from “The Battle of New Orleans”  From the Louisiana State Museum Online Exhibit | 1. A. What does the word **decisive** mean as it’s used in paragraph 2?   **Research Simulation**   1. Causing upset and bad feeling 2. Deciding or settling an issue 3. Creating confusion and chaos 4. Ongoing, without end 5. B. Which phrase or sentence from paragraph 2 best helps the reader understand the meaning of “decisive”? 6. “On January 8” 7. “in the dark hours of that foggy morning” 8. “Britain suffered over 2,000 casualties” 9. “The British forces withdrew” 10. Which sentence explains how Paragraph 4 is important to the development of ideas in the passage? 11. Paragraph 4 relates the patriotism of the people of Louisiana to their willingness to be drafted into General Jackson’s American army. 12. Paragraph 4 demonstrates the ways in which the City of New Orleans lacked the defenses necessary to withstand a prolonged assault by British forces. 13. Paragraph 4 connects the efforts of the citizens of Louisiana in preparing for battle to the United States’ eventual decision to bring them into the Union. 14. Paragraph 4 illustrates the ways in which all New Orleanians, not just soldiers, contributed to the eventual victory against the British. 15. Write two complete sentences summarizing the actions of Jean Lafitte and the Frenchmen of Barrataria in the War of 1812. Cite evidence from the anchor text to back up your claims. |
| Session 2:  **Supplemental**  **Text 1:**  “Introduction to the War of 1812” from *Gale Encyclopedia of US History*  **Supplemental Text 2:**  “Fight for New Orleans” | 1. In the first sentence of Paragraph 1, the War of 1812 is called “the most ***paradoxical*** war the United States ever fought.” In this context, ***paradoxical*** means: 2. Absurd or self-contradictory 3. Poorly fought 4. Patriotic; Nationalistic 5. Carefully planned 6. In paragraph 4, what is meant by sentence “The American invasion was bungled.”? 7. The United States occupied Canada but could not hold it. 8. The American Navy won several victories at sea. 9. The American invasion of Canada did not go well and the British were able to stop it. 10. The success of the American invasion encouraged the Americans to continue fighting in the war. 11. How does paragraph 8 contribute to the meaning of the passage? 12. Paragraph 8 provides information on specific events following the end of the war. 13. Paragraph 8 illustrates the different ways nations engaged in rebuilding over the next several years. 14. Paragraph 8 contrasts the responses of British, Canadian and American citizens to the end of the war. 15. Paragraph 8 gives perspective on the larger effects of the War of 1812 on the countries involved. 16. At the beginning of video, the narrator states “The War of 1812 was ended. Little has changed. Little has been resolved.” What meaning do these statements contribute to the information given in the video? 17. These statements set up the contrast between the uselessness of the rest of the war with the importance of the Battle of New Orleans. 18. These statements illustrate the general attitude of both British and American officials as they negotiated the Treaty of Ghent. 19. These statements highlight the importance of the acquisition of West Florida. 20. These statements bolster the argument that the War of 1812 should never have been fought. 21. In the video, the claim is made that Andrew Jackson was a “brilliant self-trained military genius.” Which of the following facts **best** supports this claim? 22. Sir Edward Parkenham, commander of the British forces, was mortally wounded in the battle but Jackson remained unhurt. 23. Jackson fought in the Battle of New Orleans after the Treaty of Ghent had been signed. 24. Jackson’s victory later helped him get elected President and become the ideal of the “self-made” man. 25. Over 2,000 British troops were killed in the Battle of New Orleans, whereas Jackson’s American forces only lost 71 men 26. In reference of the effects of the War of 1812, the video says the “reverberations were immeasurable.” In this context ***reverberations*** means continued effect or repercussion. In your own words, explain why the video uses this phrase in talking about the War of 1812.   In the video resource, two separate claims about the War of 1812 were made:  **Prose Constructed Response**   1. That, as the treaty of Ghent was signed, nothing much had changed for the British or the Americans. 2. That the Battle of New Orleans was very significant for the United States   In a well written response, examine both of these claims. Use all three resources as you discuss the results of the War of 1812 and the importance of the Battle of New Orleans. |