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Who is this young chap?



Napoleon Bonaparte was a military general who became the first emperor of France. His drive for military expansion changed the world.

In the year 1803, Napoleon and the nation of France, once again, went to war with the British. While North America has not established confederation (the nation of Canada), there has been an official nation established.

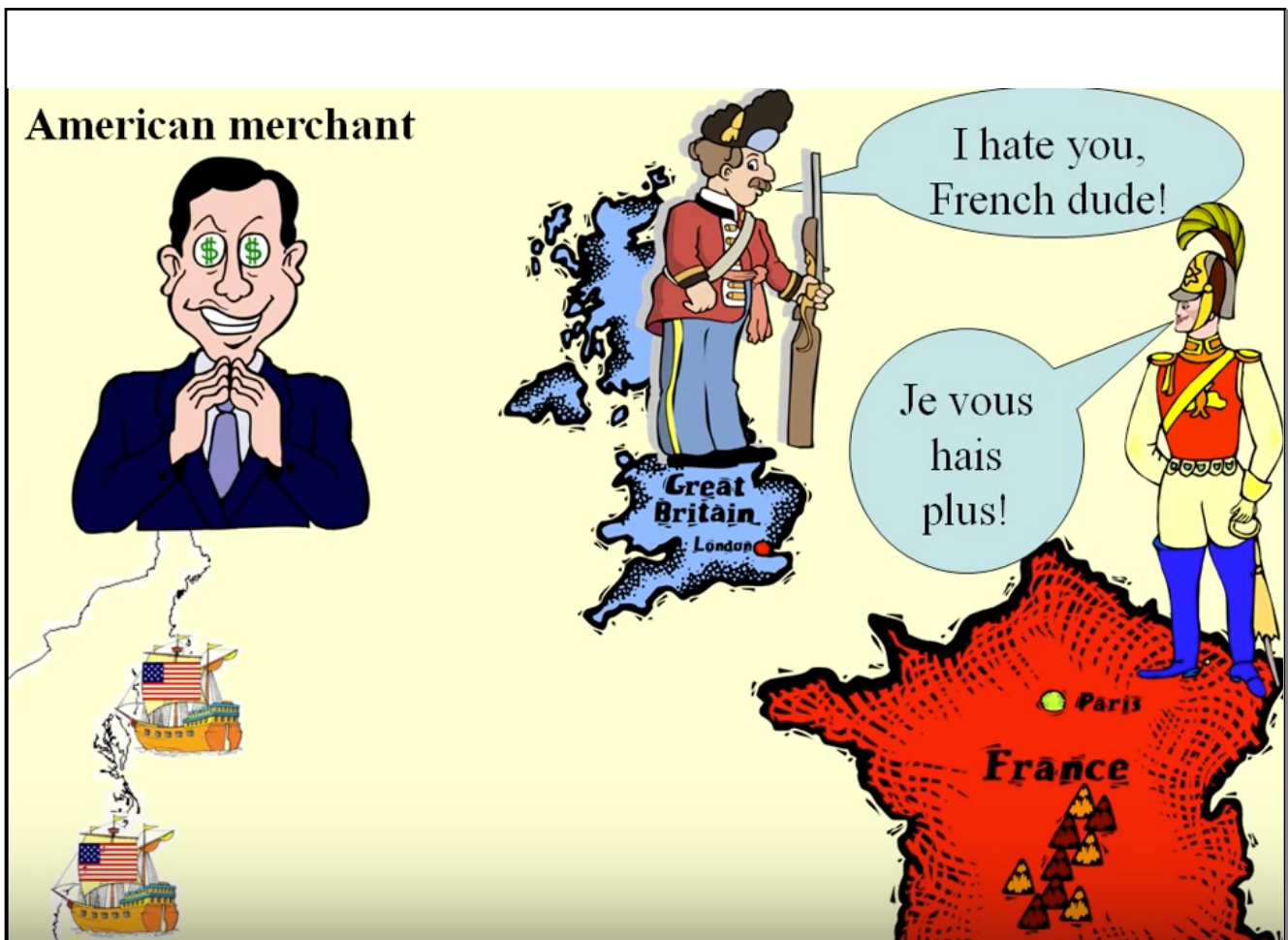
Any guesses who that might be??

America has been born!



Between 1775-1783, the American colonies to the south of our northern colonies fought the British crown for their independence. At the time that this war (1803) broke out, America was its own nation.

So what does this have to do with the War of 1812?



The United States was a "neutral" party between the two sides (Britain and France). This was really difficult because Americans often traded goods with both France and Britain.

How might this trade have impacted relations with these countries? What might the French/British have felt? Americans?



“[Britain] forbade us to trade with any nation without entering and paying duties in their ports on both the outward and inward cargo. Thus, to carry a cargo of cotton from Savannah to St. Mary’s, and take returns in fruits, for example, our vessel was to go to England, enter and pay a duty on her cottons there, return to St. Mary’s, then go back to England to enter and pay a duty on her fruits, and then return to Savannah, after crossing the Atlantic four times, and paying tributes [payments] on both cargoes to England, instead of the direct passage of a few hours. And taking ships not doing this, the [British say], is no aggression.”

— *Thomas Jefferson, former American president*

How do the Americans feel about the agreement and rules of the French/British?



When the American ships were cut off by both the French and British, or charged high taxes for trade, how could the Americans retaliate?

How does Geography influence War and tactic?

- Mountains?
- Forest?
- Waterways?

