

Foundations of American Foreign Policy

Part A: research the following events and explain the significance of each in shaping or defining the foreign policy of the United States in the early years of the Republic.

Washington's Proclamation of Neutrality, 1793

British seizure of the Delaware, 1794

Citizen Genet's protest of American neutrality, 1796

Washington's Farewell Address, 1796

XYZ Affair, 1797

Spanish cession of Louisiana to France, 1800

Louisiana Purchase, 1803

Chesapeake Incident, 1807

Napoleon's Continental System, 1807

Embargo of 1807

War Hawks, 1811

Madison's War Message to Congress, 1812

Hartford Convention, 1814-15

Monroe Doctrine, 1823

Part B: use the completed information from above to help answer the questions below

1. Why did the US involve itself in a war with Britain and *not* France?
2. Why did Britain, a former enemy, propose a common policy on Latin America?
3. How was Washington's *Farewell Address* applied in the Monroe Doctrine?
4. How does the foreign policy of a nation have an impact on individuals and sections of that nation?
5. The foreign policy theme of the sovereign United States has been "no permanent friends, only permanent objectives." What were the major *permanent* objectives of the US foreign policy in the period 1789 – 1823?
6. To what extent is it possible to maintain an isolationist foreign policy in the contemporary era?