

1. In this speech, Madison argues that the British have committed a series of hostile acts against the United States. Describe three of those hostile acts, for each one give a quote as evidence.
2. Which nation was Great Britain fighting when this speech was written? (Not the U.S.)
3. What reason did the British give for boarding American ships and impressing sailors?
4. What does Madison believe is the real reason the British are impressing American sailors and taking their cargo? Use a quote to support your answer.
5. Madison states that British soldiers are encouraging/helping Native Americans attack American settlers on the western frontier. For what reason does he believe the British would want to help Native Americans fight settlers? Use a quote to support your answer.

Pretend that you are James Madison. Rewrite this speech in your own words to convince Congress to go to war with Great Britain.