

Jefferson's Foreign Policy

What does Neutrality get you?



British and French Response



Impressment



What is Jefferson's Response

- Find a partner and brainstorm what Jefferson's options are?
- Decide what you would do, if you were Jefferson?
- Why did you ultimately decide to go in the direction you did?

Actual Response



- Embargo Act 1807-
Forbade all exports of
goods from the United
States

Problems?

- What problems could you see arising from this decision?

Problems

- In just one year U.S. exports fell from \$109 to \$25 million
- Many New England Merchants turned to smuggling in order to make a living
- Crop prices plummeted as supply quickly outweighed demand

Jefferson's Response

- In 1809 Congress repeals the embargo and passes another embargo pertaining to France and Great Britain only.