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Jefferson's Presidency EMBARGO AND NON-INTERCOURSE ACTS

Directions: Read the following situation faced by Thomas Jefferson. Then use pages 312-314 in the American Nation textbook to answer the following questions.

It was 1803. Britain and France were at war again. President Jefferson wanted to remain neutral. Being neutral turned out to be profitable for the United States because the U.S. would trade with both England and France make lots of money. That is until England and France began impressing, or attacking American ships and forcing the sailors to fight in their navy.

1. First Jefferson passed the Embargo Act. What was the Embargo Act?

Stopped U.S. trade with all foreign nations

2. What effect did the Embargo Act have on the American economy?

destroyed the American economy
many Americans ignored it and traded
illegally (smuggling)

3. Jefferson had the Embargo Act repealed and he then passed the Non-Intercourse Act. What was the Non-Intercourse Act?

allowed the U.S. to trade with all
foreign nations except Britain and France.

4. Do you think Jefferson was able to remain neutral and follow Washington's precedent of neutrality? Why or why not?

yes. Because he avoided war

No. Because he upset other countries