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Tecumseh's Vision

The Tribes Unite

The radicalism and rise of Tecumseh

1. A powerful orator, what did Tecumseh say to his people to revive the Indian confederacy that he had known as a young man?
2. What difficult challenges did he take on to make this happen?

Tecumseh and Harrison

Historic confrontation between Tecumseh and Harrison (Future U.S. President!)

1. What did William Henry Harrison think of Tecumseh's skills as a leader?
2. What remarkable, "preposterous" claim does biographer John Sugden say Tecumseh made?

The Battle of Tippecanoe

Harrison strikes Prophet Town and the heart of the Indian Confederacy

1. While Tecumseh was visiting the Southeast to gain adherents to his cause, what did Harrison do and what was Tecumseh's brother, the Prophet's response?

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2. What options did Tenskwatawa have when General Harrison marched on Prophetstown? Should he have fought?

The War of 1812

Battle of 1812, British alliance, Battle of Detroit

1. What happened in 1812 to shore up an alliance between Tecumseh and the British?
2. What was the significance of the Battle of Detroit and what trick did Tecumseh pull on the Americans?

The Final Betrayal

British betrayal, death and legacy of Tecumseh

1. When Brock died and Proctor took his place, how did the relationship between the British and Native peoples change?
2. What did Tecumseh say in his speech to the British in 1813 that showed his leadership even under adversity?
3. Tecumseh died at the Battle of the Thames. What happened to his dream of a confederacy?