

NOTES: Foreign Relations and Trade

Impressment

- British would take American sailors and force them to serve in the military

Barbary States

- Present-Day **North Africa**
 - Most active: **Tripoli** (present day Libya)
- Asked for tribute = continue to attack our ships
 - We blockade Tripoli
 - **USS Philadelphia** runs aground - the pirates take its crew prisoner and plan to use the ship to attack American vessels
 - ▶ **Stephen Decatur**, an American sailor, sneaks onto the ship and lights the ship on fire so they can't use it
 - At the same time, the US marines launch a surprise attack on Tripoli.

Trade Limitations

- **Embargo Act:** bans trade with all foreign nations (imports and exports)
 - We thought it would put pressure on France and Britain = NOPE! Hurts us more!
 - Leads to an increase in smuggling
- **Non-Intercourse Act:** bans trade with only Britain and France