Unit 2 Towards Confederation Date:

Chapter 6, Lesson 2: Perspectives of the War of 1812 - Key

Complete the chart by describing the perspectives of the four groups involved in the War of 1812.

Group	What did they think about the war?
Canadians	- Proximity of Canada and USA forced Canadians to become engaged in war.
	- British, Canadians, and First Nations worked together and contributed to protect the lands of Canada.
	- Since the war, British, Canadians, and Americans have never waged war against each other again; instead, they are partners.
First Nations	- They were allies of the Crown. They had a nation-to-nation alliance with Britain and were to be protected by Britain.
	- They fought beside Britain during the wars.
	- When the peace treaty was signed, First Nations were left out of the peace negotiations.
	- Despite this, they have upheld peace and partnership with the British.
	- They were instrumental in helping build the nation of Canada.
British	- Britain did not want conflict with France anymore, but they had to fight in the war.
	- Britain defended Canada - everyone worked together to defeat the Americans.
	- At the treaty of peace, no territory was lost or gained on either side.
	- Since then, Americans, Canadians, and British have had 200 years of peace and prosperity.

Americans

- The war is a chapter in building of their nation.
- They had to fight Britain because Britain was forcing them to participate in the Royal Navy, was trying to limit trade with France, and was preventing their expansion westward.
- The war gave them confidence about their place in the world.
- The war was the beginning of the American naval tradition.
- The peace that came after the war is most significant because of the strong relationship between Canada and the United States.