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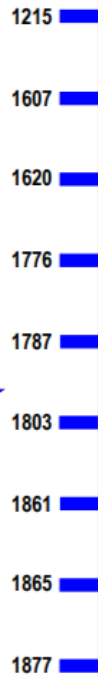


YZ AFFAIR

In 1797, the French navy began seizing American ships and impressing American sailors. Impressment was the act of seizing foreign sailors and forcing them to serve in another country's navy. This is often called "the Half War" with France. President John Adams sent diplomats, including John Marshall, to Paris to discuss a solution. When the diplomats arrived, the French foreign minister, Talleyrand, sent three agents to demand a bribe of \$250,000 for himself and a loan of \$10 million to France before he would even meet with them. The diplomats refused. When President Adams told Congress about the incident, he referred to the French agents as "X, Y, and Z," and therefore, this became known as the "XYZ Affair." The American public was outraged when they learned of the affair.

QUESTIONS

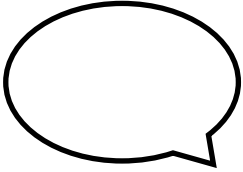
- 1) Why was the XYZ Affair significant?
- 2) How did Americans react to the XYZ Affair?



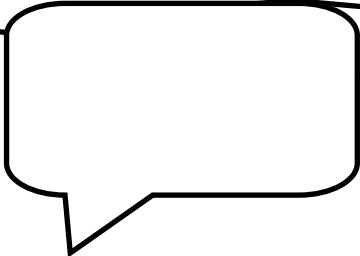
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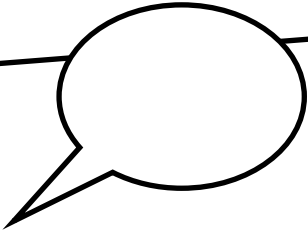
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