**Washington’s Foreign Policy**

**Directions** – After reading the US position below look at the chart and the problems we faced as a new nation. Decide what the best course of action would be and justify your response. We will complete the last column together.

**US Position** – *We are a new, relatively “weak” nation. We want to gain respect of other more powerful nations, but also do not*

*want to get attacked or taken over by larger, wealthier, and more powerful nations.*

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| **Foreign Country** | **Problem the US has with them…** | **The action YOU recommend** | **Justification – what reason do you have for taking this action?** | **Actual Outcome** |
| **FRANCE** | France is at war with Britain. France expects us to ally with them, since they allied with us during the American Revolution. Jefferson wanted the USA to support France and their fight for liberty, while Hamilton wanted to support Britain in order to avoid angering our largest trade partner. | * Ally with France * Don’t ally with France |  | Washington sets an important foreign policy precedent by issuing the Proclamation of Neutrality, keeping the US out of the war.  Washington believed that America was too young to involve itself in a European war.  Jefferson resigns his Cabinet post.  American remained neutral in European affairs from 1793 to 1898. |
| **BRITAIN** | Britain will not get off our land near the Great Lakes because they are trading furs with the Native Americans. $$$  Britain encourages the Native Americans to resist American expansion to the west. Britain is also attacking our ships on the ocean. | * Fight * Send a diplomat * Do nothing |  | Britain signed a treaty with US Chief Justice John Jay on November 19, 1794.  Jay’s Treaty gave control of the Northwest Territory to the US, but it allowed British fur trappers to continue to operate south of the Canadian border. (basically on American land) |

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| **NATVE AMERICANS** | Native Americans will not leave land in the Northwest Territory. | * Fight * Send a diplomat * Do nothing |  | Federal forces are sent to get control over the area.  Little Turtle (chief) defeated the US forces in two battles (1790-1791). The US then sends more troops.  In the Battle of Fallen Timbers – The Miami Confederacy (Native Americans) was defeated in 40 minutes by US forces on August 20, 1794  Treaty of Greenville signed: Native American leaders give Ohio to United States.  Result - The Northwest Territory is open for settlement. |
| **SPAIN** | Spain won’t admit that the US owns land in the Southwest, and have shipping rights on the Mississippi River. | * Fight * Send a diplomat * Do nothing |  | US signs Pinckney’s Treaty of 1795 (Treaty of San Lorenzo) which gave all land east of the Mississippi River (except Florida) to the United States.  US citizens were given access to use the Mississippi River and the Port of New Orleans |

**Define each term**:

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Which foreign policy action resulted in the best gain for the US? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Which situation had the most potential to end badly for the US? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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