

# **Ten Themes on the War of 1812 as it relates to Six Nations**

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## **I Choices with Consequences**

Which Side to Support?

- Divided Loyalties and Contrasting Covenant Chains made it difficult for our people to decide who to support.
- Ultimately, the Covenant Chain with Great Britain convinced our warriors to support the cause of the King, as well as defending our homelands from American invasion.

## **II Gathering War Clouds**

Why Did There Have to Be a War?

- Unrest over the continual taking of Native land and military conflicts with the Americans in the Old Northwest set the stage for the war of 1812.
- Tecumseh and his brother, The Prophet, led the opposition to American expansion and he allied with Great Britain which brought his fight to our doors.

## **III Red Jacket, the Peace Maker**

Why did our warriors pick up the tomahawk?

- Red Jacket and Senecas appealed to Grand River Chiefs for neutrality prior to the war, but in vain.
- They argued that we could not trust the British after they sold us out after the Revolutionary War.
- Our warriors argued that they had no choice but to defend their old ally, the King.

## **IV Brock and Norton Conspire**

How Did John Norton and Isaac Brock get the Six Nation to enter the war?

- Who is Isaac Brock?
- Who is John Norton?
- At a Council at the Mohawk Village in 1812 they conspire to involve the Six Nations
- Norton is willing the risk the Great Law of Peace and the Six Nations land issues for the sake of this war.