

*AMERICAN FORCES DEFEAT BRITISH ATTEMPT TO TAKE NEW ORLEANS, JANUARY 8, 1815*

*On January 8, 1815, American forces under the command of Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated British forces under the command of Maj. Gen. Sir Edward Pakenham near New Orleans, Louisiana. The decisive victory over the British at that time ended any further British attempts to seize or control American territory in the war. Although the battle was fought after the American and British negotiators at Ghent (Belgium) reached an agreement to end the war, the war was not officially over until the American Congress and president signed the agreement. The war did not come to an end until February 17, 1815, when the treaty to end the war was ratified by Congress and signed by President Madison.*



*Battle of New Orleans (Library of Congress)*