**Foreign Policy Under Washington: “Trouble on the Playground”**

**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.

Consider the problems we faced as a new nation below. Decide what the best course of action would be and justify your response. Leave the last column blank.

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| **Other Country Involved** | **Their relative strength compared to us** | **Problem they have with us** | **The action you recommend** | **Justification** | **Actual Outcome** |
| **France** | * Strong * Moderate * Weak | They are at war with Britain. They expect us to ally with them against Britain, since they allied with us during the American Revolution | * Ally with France * Don’t ally |  |  |
| **Britain** | * Strong * Moderate * Weak | They won’t get off our land near the Great Lakes, they are attacking our ships on the high seas. | * Fight * Send a diplomat * Do nothing |  |  |
| **Native Americans** | * Strong * Moderate * Weak | They won’t get off our land near the Great Lakes. | * Fight * Send a diplomat * Do nothing |  |  |
| **Spanish** | * Strong * Moderate * Weak | They won’t admit that we own land in the Southwest, near (and including rights to trade on) the Mississippi River | * Fight * Send a diplomat * Do nothing |  |  |