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US History I Block

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Homework

Answer the following questions based on the reading of text pp. 116-119:

1. Why were the British and the French fighting over the Ohio River valley?

The British and the French were fighting over the Ohio River valley because the area provided good opportunities for both countries. "The border between French and British possessions was not well defined, and one disputed territory was the upper Ohio River valley." French interest was in discovering an easier way to get from New France to Louisiana. At the same time, British fur traders and land speculators saw this as an opportunity to make a profit.

A. In reaction to each other's presence in the area, what did both the British and French do?

In reaction to each other's presence, both Britain and France began to fortify their positions in the Ohio Valley. The French built forts near Lake Ontario to prevent the British from controlling the area. In response, the British built forts as well. The French soon seized England's largest fort.

¹ "French and Indian War/Seven Years' War, 1754–63," *Office of the Historian*, https://history.state.gov/milestones/1750-1775/french-indian-war (accessed September 10, 2017).