

# Trail of Tears



## **Directions:**

- 1. Read each slide**
- 2. Answer the guided questions**
- 3. Write your Summary Postcard**

# Trail of Tears

## Trail of Tears / Indian Removal Act



What group of people does this painting focus on?

What are some things happening in this image?



### Moving Westward

What was discovered on Cherokee land in 1830?

What did President Jackson step forward to do?



### Indian Removal Act

What law gave President Jackson the power to remove the Native Americans from their land?

What were Native peoples forced to do under the Indian Removal Act?

What did the Cherokee people decide to do in an effort to keep their land?



### Worcester v. Georgia

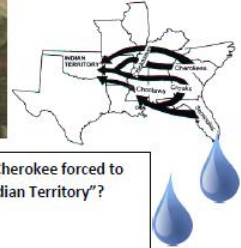
What did the Supreme Court rule in Worcester v. Georgia?

Ignoring the Supreme Court ruling, what did Jackson do anyway?



## Trail of Tears

Video- Describe the conditions in stockades where the Cherokee were forced to wait?



How much time were the Cherokee given to collect their belongings?

What time of year were the Cherokee forced to begin their march into "Indian Territory"?

How many Cherokee died during the relocation?



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The Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminole were Native American tribes that were forced off their land by President Jackson.

The Trail of Tears was the 800-mile journey Native Americans were forced to take from their homes to Oklahoma.

Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Trail of Tears Painting



# Moving West

White settlers wanted to move west for land. They saw Native Americans as an obstacle to westward expansion. Jackson believed that Native Americans tribes might ally with foreign invaders and therefore stood a danger to the nation.

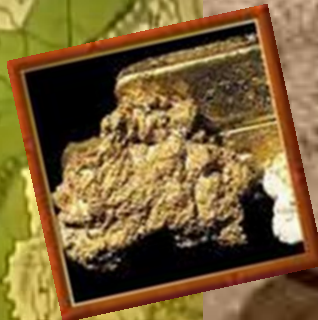
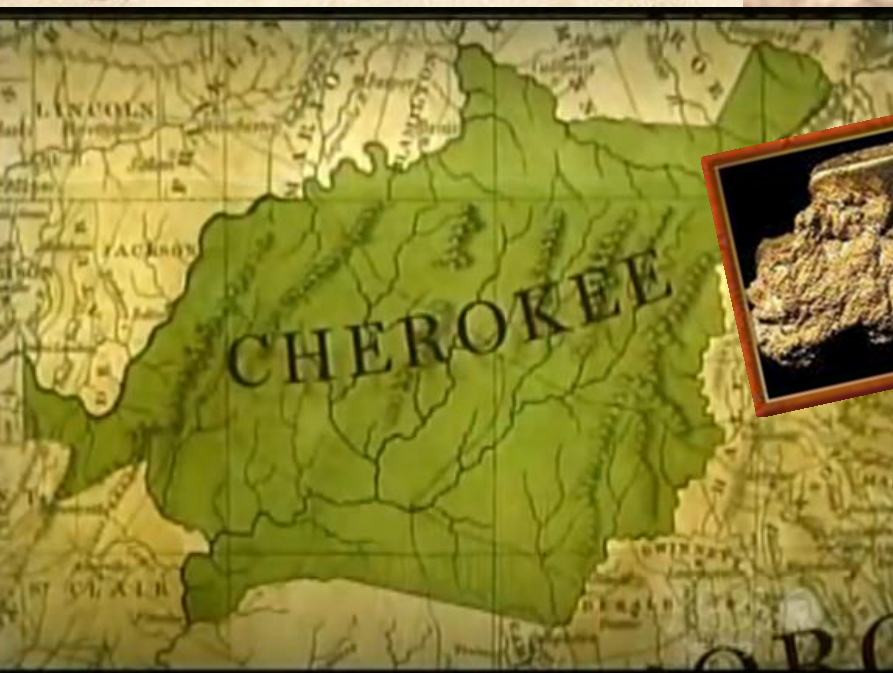


Indians are  
danger to  
this country



# Cherokee Land

In 1830 gold was discovered on Cherokee land in Georgia. White settlers wanted the land even more. President Andrew Jackson stepped in to remove the Cherokee and surrounding tribes from their land.



That gold belongs to Americans!



# Moving Westward



# The Indian Removal Act

Andrew Jackson asked his friends in Congress to pass the Indian Removal Act. This act gave President Jackson the power to remove Indians from their land.

REMOVAL OF THE IND  
The Jackson Party is making a great  
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h relation to the Cherokee and other  
k upon it as a conspiracy to drive the  
ple from their homes and possessions



# The Indian Removal Act

Under the Indian Removal Act, Native tribes were forced to move west of the Mississippi River. The Cherokee people sued the state of Georgia arguing that their forced relocation was unconstitutional.



We will fight this....  
This is our land.



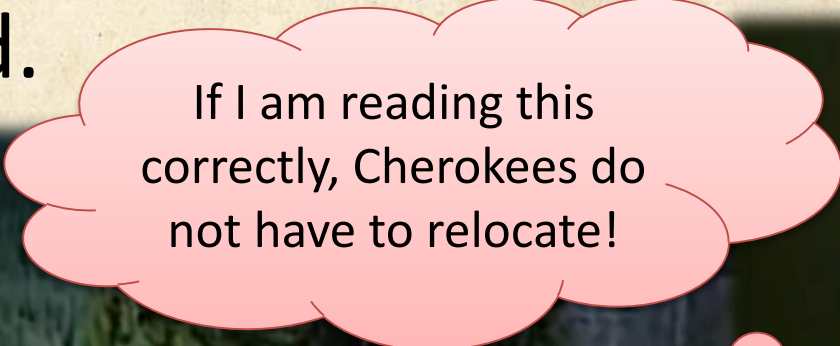




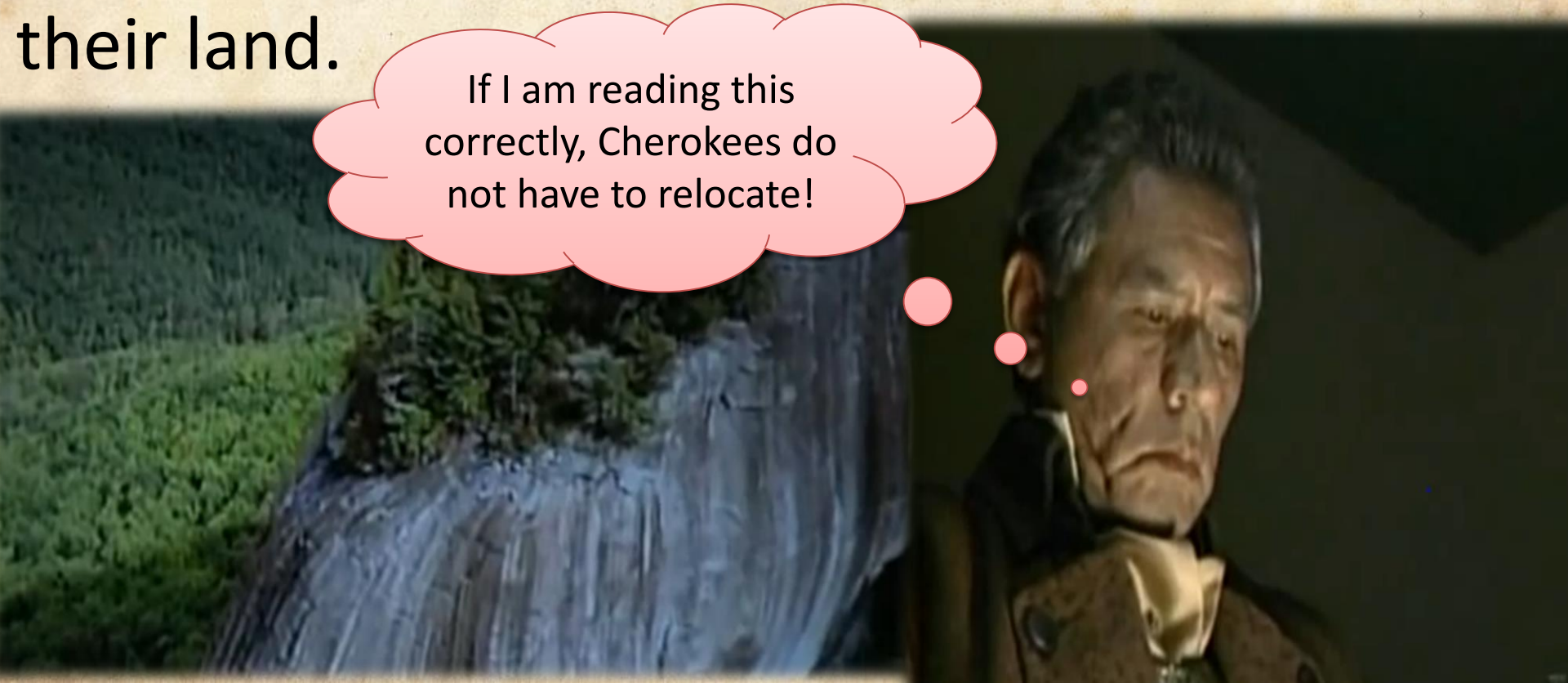
I am not leaving  
without a fight!

# Worcester v. Georgia

This lawsuit made it all the way to the supreme court. The supreme court ruled in favor of the Cherokee's. The court said that the Cherokee nation were sovereign nation and had a right to their land.



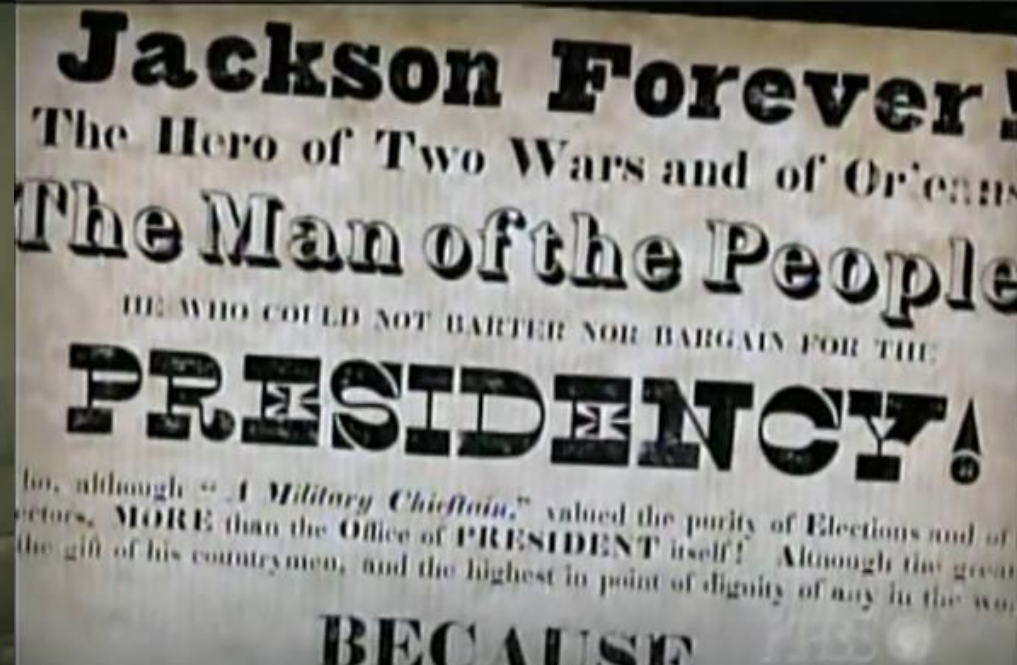
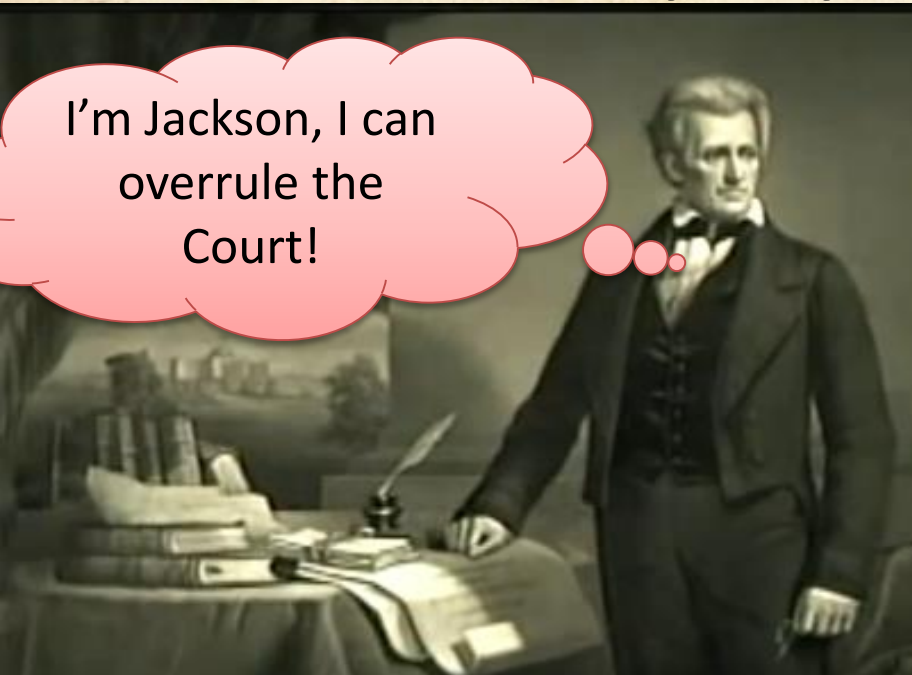
If I am reading this correctly, Cherokees do not have to relocate!



# Worcester vs. Georgia

President Andrew Jackson didn't listen to the Supreme court. Jackson said "The court made the ruling now lets see them enforce it." Jackson ordered federal troops into Georgia to remove the Cherokee anyway.

I'm Jackson, I can overrule the Court!





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"Forced Move"

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# Watch “We Shall Remain” Video

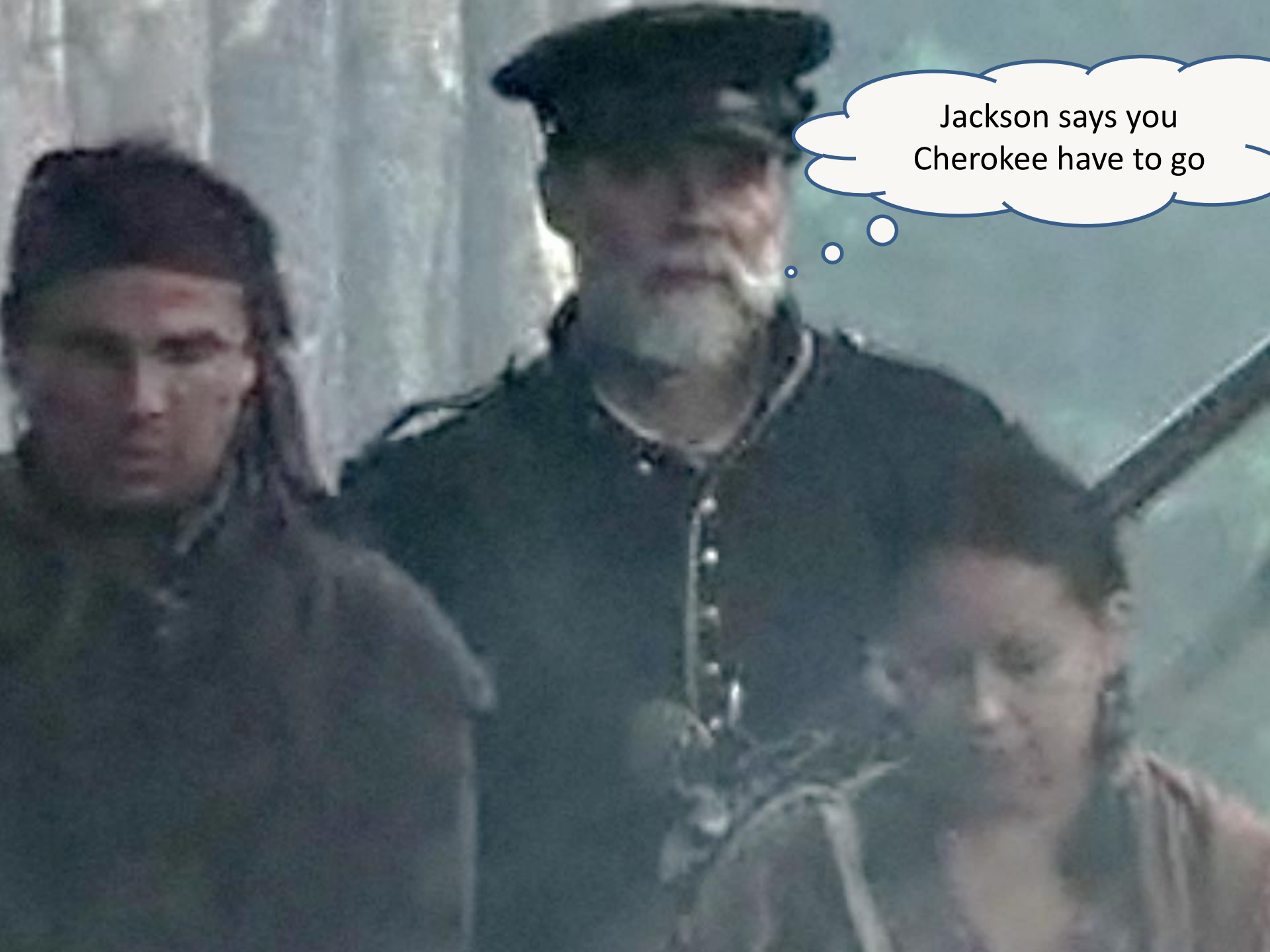


**Federal troops forced families out of homes. These families were sent to wait in the stockades before their forced journey west would begin**

# Trail of Tears

Andrew Jackson ordered troops to force the Cherokee off their land. The Cherokee families had one hour to gather their belongings. From there they were placed in camps to wait for relocation.





Jackson says you  
Cherokee have to go

# Trail of Tears

In the winter of 1838, the Cherokees' were forced to begin march west to Oklahoma "Indian Territory". The Cherokee people walked for months in the cold, rain and snow.



I hope my  
baby doesn't  
get sick







“The trail of the exiles was a trail of death. They had to sleep in the wagons and on the ground without fire. And I have known as many as twenty-two of them to die in one night of pneumonia due to ill treatment, cold and exposure...”





# Trail of Tears

During the forced march west 1 out of every 4 Cherokee died during relocation (about 4,000 people). The horrible journey west is called the Trail of Tears.



I'm so tired and  
my feet hurt



**Cherokees begin their forced march west . Many die due to cold , exhaustion and illness . This sad event is known as the Trail of Tears.**



## Trail of Tears



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# Complete the U.S. map

1. Draw an arrow from Georgia to Oklahoma
2. Label Oklahoma
3. Write the Native American groups that traveled the Trail of Tears

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Pretend it is 1828 and you a newspaper writer reporting on the Trail of Tears. In a postcard to your friend discuss the following:

- 1) Why are Native American tribes being pushed west into “Indian Territory”?
- 2) What law did President Andrew Jackson pass to relocate several Native American tribes?
- 3) Many tribes to were pushed west, which tribe was impacted the most?
- 4) What are they calling horrible journey into Indian Territory?

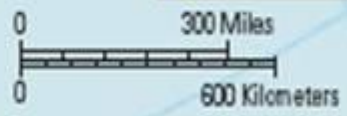
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# Removal of Native Americans, 1820-1840

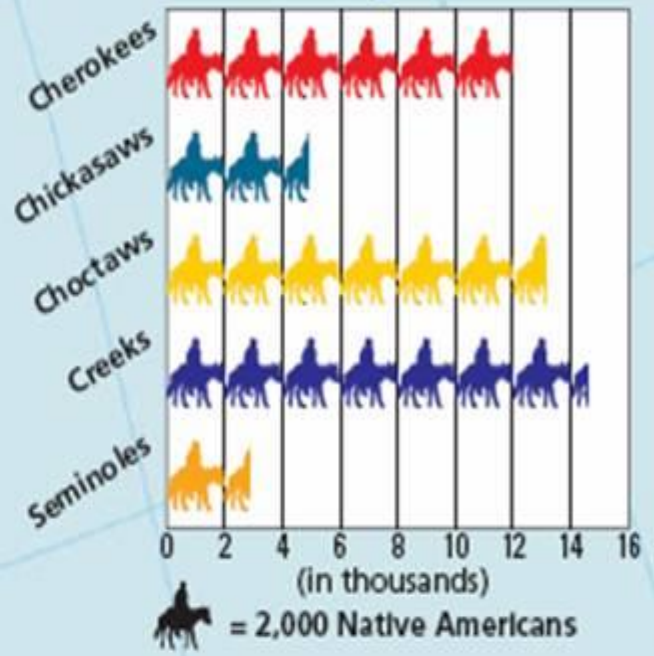


Removal Routes:

- Cherokee
- Creek
- Chickasaw
- Seminole
- Choctaw
- Other tribes



## Southeastern People Relocated

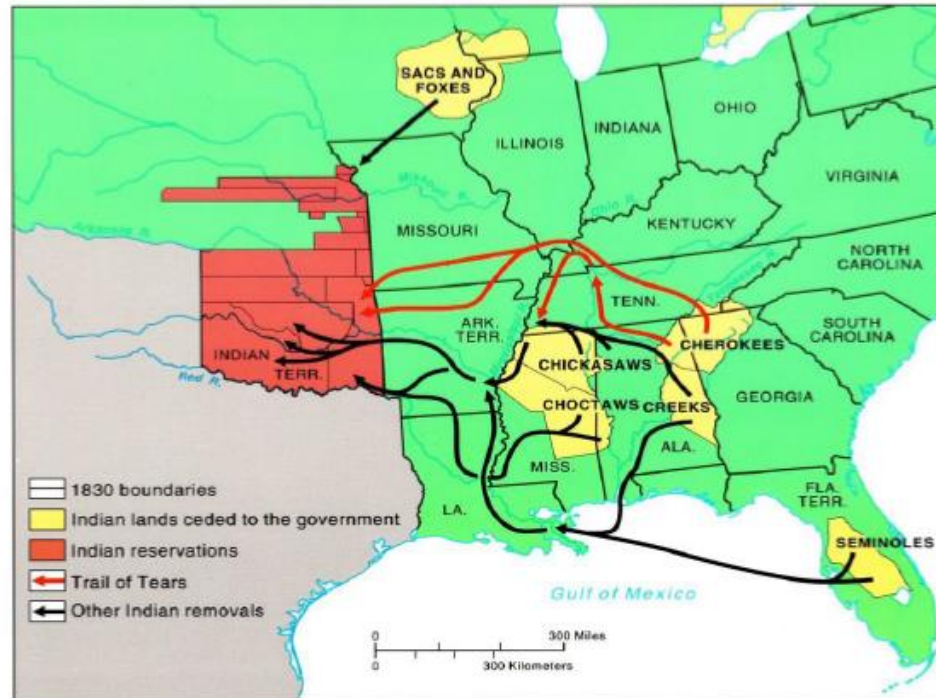


**GEOGRAPHY SKILLBUILDER Interpreting Maps**

- 1. Movement** How long was the Trail of Tears?
- 2. Location** What states bordered Indian Territory?

# Geography Challenge

## The Indian Removals



1. From which states were Indians removed?
2. To what future state were they moved?
3. Which Native American tribe was involved in the Trail of Tears?
4. In which direction were Indians pushed? Why were they pushed in that direction?