

Andrew Jackson: A Historical Perspective

Changes in Ideas About Democracy

Jeffersonian Democracy

Government FOR people by capable, well-educated leaders, of elite social status.

Democracy in political life

Championed the cause of the farmer in mainly agricultural society

Limited government
“Laissez Faire,” hands off approach

Jacksonian Democracy

Government BY the people from all economic backgrounds

Democracy in social, economic, & political life

Championed cause of farmer & laborer in agricultural & industrial society

Limited government with a strong president needed

Q/A: Explain why Andrew Jackson's presidency brought change in philosophy about how Democracy should work, & why many saw him as “The Common Man's President.”

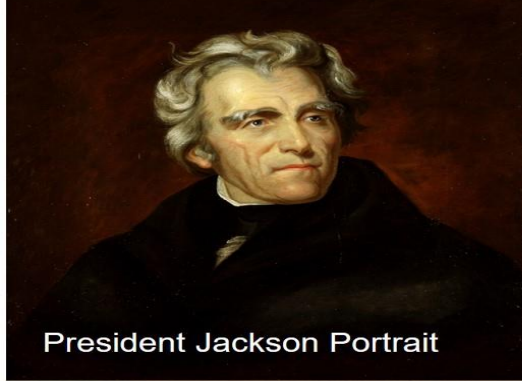
Primary Source: Trail of Tears

March 10, 1838

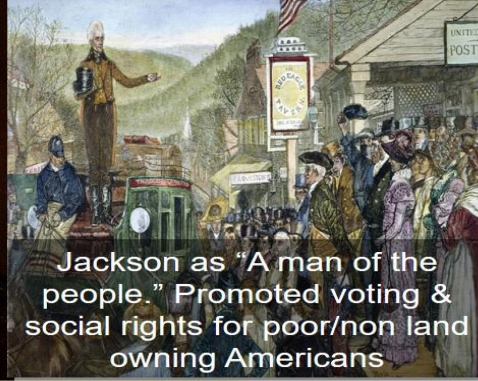
“Beloved Martha, I have delayed writing you so long... If we Cherokees are to be driven to the west by the cruel hand of oppression to seek a new home in the west, it will be impossible... It is thus all our rights are invaded.”

“Long time we travel on way to new land. People feel bad when they leave Old Nation. Women cry and make sad wails, children cry and many men cry... but they say nothing and just put heads down and keep on go towards West. Many days pass and people die very much.”

Q/A: Analyze the Primary Source documents above. Predict how Cherokees will react when they reach their new home.



President Jackson Portrait

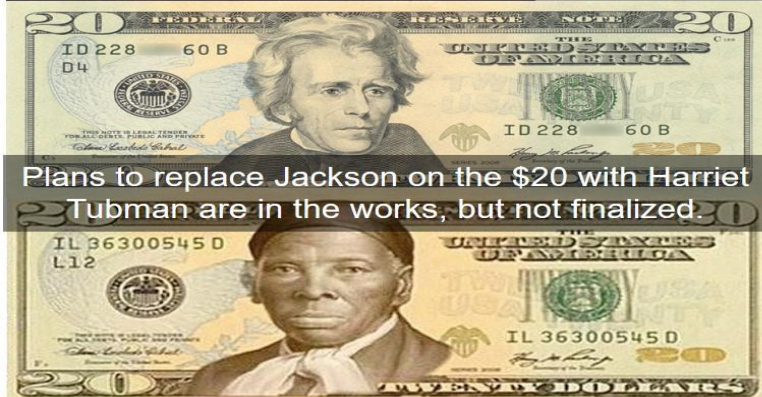


Jackson as "A man of the people." Promoted voting & social rights for poor/non land owning Americans



"King Jackson, trampled on Constitution during End of National Bank, Nullification Crisis, & Trail of Tears"

KING ANDREW THE FIRST.



Plans to replace Jackson on the \$20 with Harriet Tubman are in the works, but not finalized.



Jackson signed Indian Removal Act into law, and responsible for the Trail of Tears.

Q/A: Argue whether you believe Andrew Jackson took necessary steps to help America expand democracy, commoner's rights, & remain united, or went too far abusing his powers as president during the Indian Removal Act/Trail of Tears & Nullification Crisis.

Making Inferences... Making Predictions

I predict that _____ (Modern Issue) will be looked at differently in 2118 than it is today. Briefly explain why you believe it will viewed differently.
