
THE AGE OF JACKSON

A circular portrait of Andrew Jackson, the 7th President of the United States, is centered on the page. The portrait is partially obscured by a large black rectangular box containing the title and a smaller white rectangular box containing the subtitle. The background is a dark red color with a white horizontal line at the top.

Hero or Villain?

HOW TO EXPAND: NATIONAL VS. INTERNATIONAL

National Policy

- Missouri Compromise: Northern states admitted as free states, southern states as slave states.

International Policy

Monroe Doctrine: USA laid claim to Central and South America. Attempt to keep Europeans out of western Hemisphere.



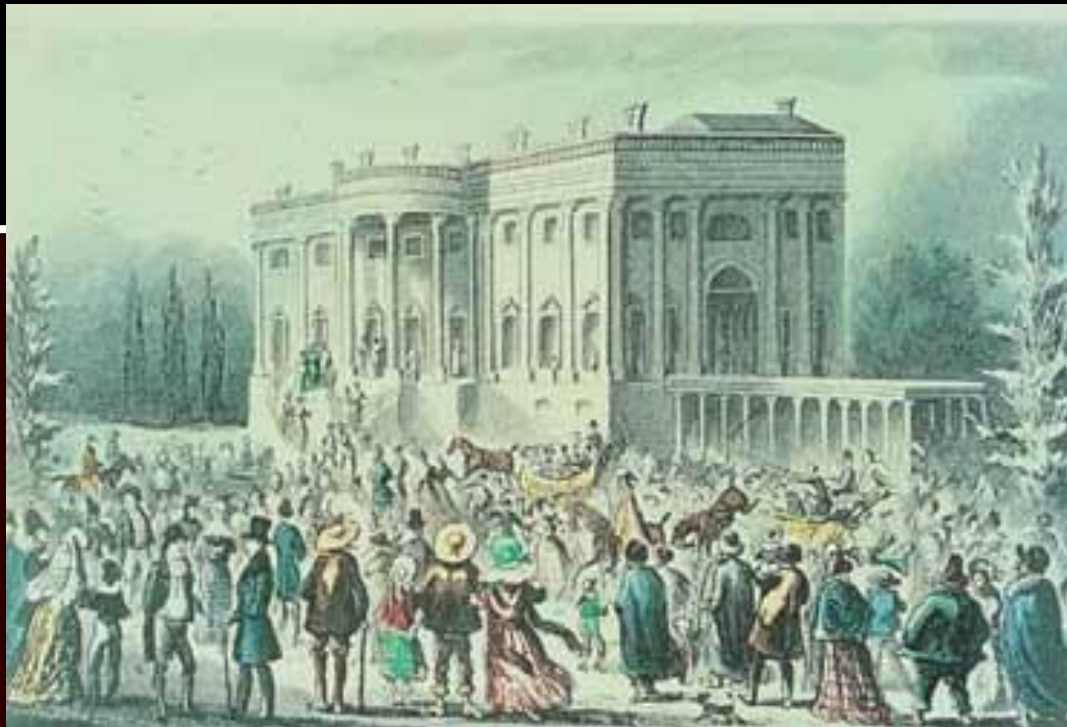
CAMPAIGNING FOR THE COMMON MAN

- Jackson portrayed himself as a man of the people
 - Unlike the “aristocratic” leaders before him
 - Jackson played up his western roots and war hero status.



JACKSONIAN DEMOCRACY

- Celebrated majority rule and power to the ordinary people
 - Appealed to the ordinary farmers



BANK WARS

- Bank of the United States
 - Jackson disliked it because he thought it favored the wealthy
 - Jackson able to destroy Bank of the US



INDIAN REMOVAL ACT 1830

- Negotiated the exchange of land with the American Indians.
 - Americans wanted land in east and would give American Indians land in the west



JOHN ROSS TO THE IROQUOIS

“Brothers: The tradition of our Fathers . . . tells us that this great and extensive Continent was once the sole and exclusive abode of our race. . . . Ever since [the whites came] we have been made to drink of the bitter cup of humiliation; treated like dogs . . . our country and the graves of our Fathers torn from us . . . through a period of upwards of 200 years, rolled back, nation upon nation [until] we find ourselves fugitives, vagrants and strangers in our own country. . . .”

TRAIL OF TEARS

- May 1838
 - Government orders the removal of the Cherokee Indians from east of the Mississippi to lands in what is now Oklahoma



ROUTES OF REMOVAL



CREATIVE THINKING



- Do the people in the picture look happy or sad? Why?
- Why do you think they called it the “Trail of Tears”?

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- Even today many Native Americans will not use a \$20 dollar bill because it has Andrew Jackson's picture on it. Why do you think they don't want to use it?
- Do you think he was a hero or villain? Why?

