

The Trail on Which They Wept

Why do we need more land?

- ☞ _____: The US population was growing. As we grew larger, more land was needed.
- ☞ _____: At this point in history our economy was based on farming. Farming needs large amounts of land.
- ☞ _____: The government feared European countries would invade. A larger country is more intimidating.



What Stands in the Way?

- ☞ There are two main obstacles that stand in the way of the US gaining more land.
- ☞ _____:
 - ☞ We had attempted to solve this issue by sending out the different explorations through Western lands.
 - ☞ Lewis and Clark, Stephan H. Long, Zebulon Pike
- ☞ _____:
 - ☞ Every President had attempted to remove the Native Americans.
 - ☞ President Andrew Jackson was the most forceful.

Conquered Subjects

- ☞ President Jackson believed that the US Government had the right to move the Native Americans where he wanted.
 - ☞ He viewed them as conquered subjects who lived within the borders of the United States.
 - ☞ President Jackson believed that the American Indians

- ☞ He pushed through the
_____.

The Indian Removal Act

- ☞ This legislation passed through Congress would

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- ☞ Specifically Georgia
 - ☞ This area was home to the Indian Nations of:
 - ☞ Cherokee
 - ☞ Creek
 - ☞ Choctaw
 - ☞ Chickasaw
 - ☞ Seminole
 - ☞ Eager for land to _____, the settlers pressured the federal government to acquire Indian territory.

Removal

- ☞ Throughout the next few years many of the tribes signed additional treaties or accepted payments and moved West.
- ☞ However, the most aggressive tribe in fighting the removal was the _____.

Fighting Fire with Fire

- ☞ The Cherokee Nation tried to beat Andrew Jackson's policy and the State of Georgia through the Court system.
- ☞ They created their own formal government by writing a _____
 - ☞ Very similar to the US Constitution!

Worcester Vs. Georgia

- ☞ The Georgia court just decided that the Cherokee Nation didn't exist.
 - ☞ After many appeals, the trial eventually landed in the Supreme Court.
 - ☞ The court case of Worcester Vs. Georgia would end in a victory
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Short Victory

- ☞ The Cherokee may have won the battle in court, but they lost the war with Andrew Jackson.
- ☞ President Jackson _____ the Supreme Court ruling!

It will civilize them...

- ☞ President Jackson immediately wanted to enforce the law.
- ☞ He believed that this option was "just and liberal" and would allow the Native Americans to keep their way of life.

Rude Awakening

- ☞ In 1838 federal troops rounded up the remaining Cherokee people living in Georgia and forced them into stockades.
 - ☞ Many people were forced out with just the clothes on their back.
- ☞ That fall and winter _____ were forced to march through the rain, sleet, and snow.

The Tears of those who Watched

- ☞ The Native Americans were emotionless.

œ The Cherokee refer to the time as “The trail where they cried”

œ “They” referring to those who witnessed the passage of the Native Americans.

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