

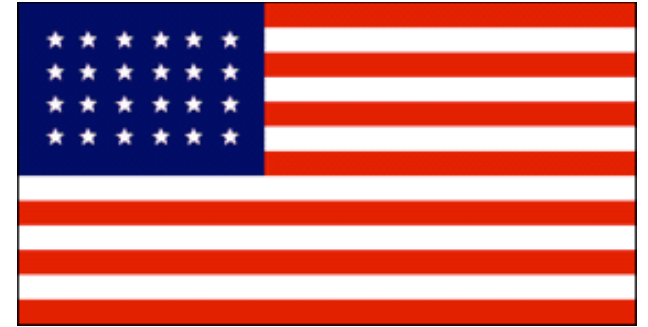
Trail Of Tears

The Trail of Tears is a path that over 16,000 Native Americans walked after the Indian Removal Act was passed in 1830. European settlers had always wanted to own Native American land, but when Andrew Jackson was elected president in 1829, he began to pass laws that forced Native Americans living east of the Mississippi to move west of the Mississippi so that he could use their land. It is called the “Trail of Tears” because many people became ill or injured and died attempting to walk the entire trail, which crosses nine different states and goes over several thousand miles of land and water.



Answer the question below on a separate piece of paper.

Many of the *opponents* of the Indian Removal Act were also slave owners. Do you think they were *entitled* to speak about the unfair treatment of Native Americans when they took part in the unfair practice of slavery? Why or why not?



American Flag in 1822, under Andrew Jackson

Vocabulary

entitled: Has the right to do something.

opponents: People who disagree with a point of view.