

## Make a Timeline

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Match the year to the correct description. Check your answers with pages 8–9 of the book.

1.	1802
2.	1803
3.	1827
4.	1830
5.	1836
6.	1838

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The Indian Removal Act is signed. This act allows the government to give Native American groups land in the west after taking their current lands.

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Thousands of Native Americans are forced to move west. Approximately 15,000 of them die during the journey.

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The Compact lays the groundwork for the later removal of Native Americans from their lands by the U.S. government.

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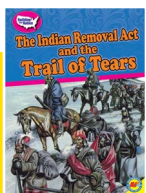
The United States purchases the Louisiana Territory from France. The government begins to encourage Native Americans to move into this land.

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The Cherokee declare themselves a sovereign nation, but are not recognized as such by the state of Georgia.

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After the Second Creek War, the U.S. government removes Creek Native Americans from Alabama and sends them west.



Building our Nation

The Indian Removal Act and the Trail of Tears

Reference: Pages 8–9

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## True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the information in *The Indian Removal Act and the Trail of Tears*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1

The Second Seminole War was the longest war against a Native American group in U.S. history.

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True

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False

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Number

Statement 2

The Choctaw originally lived along rivers in what is now Mississippi.

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True

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False

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Number

Statement 3

President Andrew Jackson supported the removal of Native Americans from their land.

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True

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False

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Number

Statement 4

The Indian Removal Act applied to all Native American nations in the Northeast, including the Creeks.

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True

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False

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Statement 5

Thousands of Native American groups lived in North America long before the United States existed.

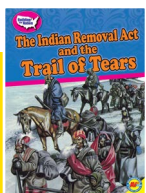
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True

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False

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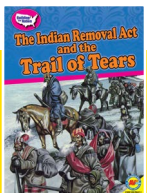
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Use the information found in *The Indian Removal Act and the Trail of Tears* to help you complete the following activity.

1. The Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and  had all adapted to western culture. They were reluctant to leave their homes.
2. Major Ridge, one of the negotiators of the Treaty of New Echota, claimed to represent all the .
3. Some Cherokee were held at  before they were forced to travel west.
4. Heat, lack of water, and  killed many people along the way. Babies and the elderly were especially at risk.
5. About 100,000 people were forced to move west on the .
6. , Governor of the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio, negotiated the Treaty of Holston with the Cherokee.



Using information from the book, select an answer from the right and write the letter in the box beside the statement.

Osceola led the Seminoles during the Second Seminole War until he was captured in this year.

☐**A. 1821**

Today, there are more than this many people of Cherokee descent in the United States.

☐**B. 1837**

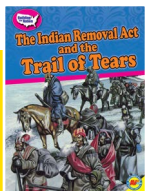
The Treaty of Hopewell was signed in this year.

☐**C. 5,000**

By this year, a Cherokee named Sequoyah had invented a writing system for the Cherokee language.

☐**D. 344,000**

The Trail of Tears consisted of more than this many miles of land and water paths.

☐**E. 1785**

## Key Events

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Major historical events are often the topic of news stories. Choose one of the key events in the book, then write a news story in the space provided below.

News stories focus on a specific event and date in time. Be sure to present all sides of the story. Your news story should include the answers to the following five key questions.

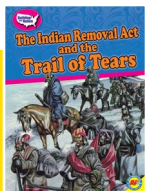
1. Who is the story about? This may be a person, group, organization, or company, for example.

2. What is the event?

3. Where did the event take place? This should include the city, town, or region.

4. When did the event take place? This should include the complete date and, if possible, the time.

5. Why is the event important? Explain why the event is relevant. How did the event impact people or the community?



## Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.

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**1** When did the Cherokee declare themselves a sovereign nation?

**2** Who led the Seminoles during the Second Seminole War?

**3** How many people were forced to travel on the Trail of Tears?

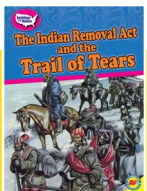
**4** Where was John Ross during the meeting at New Echota?

**5** What group did the Cherokee form in 1794?

**6** Who negotiated the Treaty of Holston with the Cherokee?

**7** What treaty was signed on November 28, 1785?

**8** How many people signed John Ross's petition?



## Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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### KEY WORDS

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cholera  
convert  
council

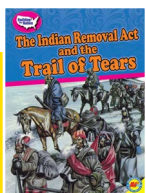
negotiations  
officials  
petition  
plantations

representatives  
sovereign  
treaty



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1.   
an official agreement between groups
2.   
people who work and act for a government
3.   
people who speak on behalf of a larger group
4.   
free to make rules and decisions without being controlled by another country
5.   
large estates used to grow crops
6.   
a disease often caused by drinking tainted water
7.   
a formal request sent to an official person or group
8.   
discussions that take place to reach an agreement
9.   
to change religions or other beliefs
10.   
a group that makes decisions and rules for a larger group of people
11.   
the process of adding to or changing the beliefs or practices that make up a group's culture



## Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

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- 1** 1827
- 2** Osceola
- 3** About 100,000
- 4** Washington, D.C.
- 5** The National Council
- 6** William Blount
- 7** The Treaty of Hopewell
- 8** 15,000

