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Andrew Jackson

Andrew Jackson was born on March 15, 1767 in rural North Carolina. As a teenager Jackson and his brother were couriers in the American Revolutionary War. They were captured by the British. Jackson's arm and face were severely



cut by a British officer's sword and Jackson caught smallpox while in a British prison camp. Jackson was rescued from the prison camp by his mother when he was just fourteen. His brother died on the trip home and his mother died shortly thereafter. Later Jackson studied law and passed the bar at age twenty.

Jackson moved west to Nashville and he married Rachel Robards in 1791. He served in the state and national Congress and by 1804 he was also a successful cotton farmer. In 1797 he had been given the military rank of Major General in the Tennessee militia and he became famous during the War of 1812. Due to his success in defeating Indians in Alabama during the War of 1812, Jackson earned the rank of general in the U.S. Army. Jackson is credited with winning the Battle of New Orleans in 1815 against British troops at the end of the War of 1812.

Jackson first ran for president in the election of 1824, one of four candidates. Although he won the most electoral votes, he did not win the needed majority. Under the Constitution the U.S. House of Representatives selects the president in this case and they chose John Quincy Adams instead of Jackson. As a result of losing the election, Jackson and his supporters created a new political party, the Democratic Party, and Jackson ran again in the election of 1828 as a Democrat. This time he won but his wife died before they moved to the White House. Jackson was eventually re-elected to a second term as president.

Jackson's presidency was an important one in shaping the new country in the 1800s. Congress created a National Bank but Jackson favored placing federal money in smaller regional banks. Jackson vetoed the National Bank when it came up for renewal in the Congress, causing the National Bank to close, setting the stage for an economic recession for his successor, Martin Van Buren.

While in office Jackson survived an assassination attempt. After his presidency Jackson retired to his mansion in Tennessee called "The Hermitage." He died on June 8, 1845.

Name: _____

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President Andrew Jackson Graphic Organizer

Political Party

Campaign Promises

Major Events during Presidency

Hometown

Time Period



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Major Achievements

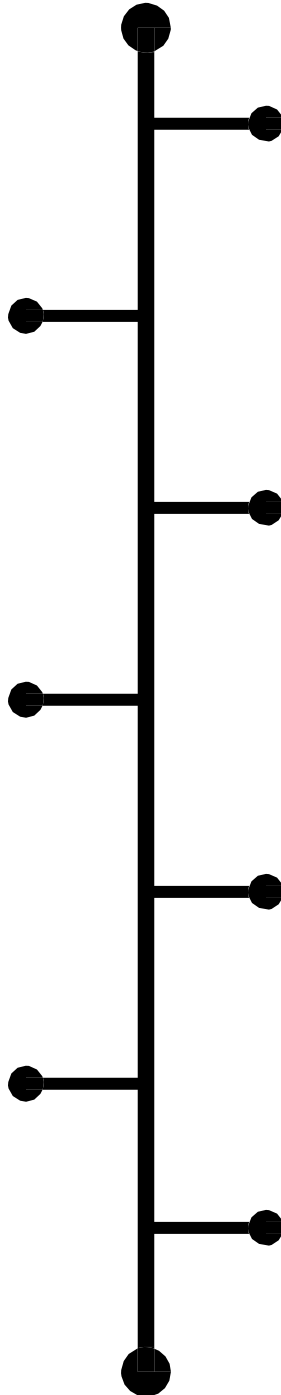
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Name: _____

Date: _____

President Andrew Jackson

Sequence of Challenges



Name: _____ Date: _____

Multiple Choice Questions

Circle the correct answer.

1. During the Revolutionary War Jackson was
 - a. A soldier
 - b. A military officer
 - c. A courier
 - d. A doctor

2. Besides his military career Jackson was
 - a. A lawyer
 - b. A cotton farmer
 - c. Both a. and b. above
 - d. None of the above

3. Jackson became a famous general in the
 - a. Revolutionary War
 - b. War of 1812
 - c. Mexican-American War
 - d. Civil War

4. Jackson did not become president in 1824 the first time he ran because
 - a. He lost the popular vote
 - b. Another candidate had more electoral votes
 - c. The Electoral College selected another candidate
 - d. The House of Representatives selected another candidate

5. Jackson created a new political party called the
 - a. Democratic Party
 - b. Republican Party
 - c. Democratic-Republican Party
 - d. None of the above

6. A major national issue during Jackson's presidency was
 - a. The War of 1812
 - b. The National Bank
 - c. An economic recession
 - d. All of the above

Name: _____ Date: _____

Short Answer Questions

1. As youngsters Andrew Jackson and his brother were couriers for American revolutionaries. Do you think that they were courageous patriots? Explain why or why not.
2. Describe the hardships in Jackson's life that occurred by the time he was fifteen years old.
3. Do some research and write a short essay about Andrew Jackson and the Battle of New Orleans.
4. Do some research and describe the role of the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution on Andrew Jackson and the presidential election of 1824.
5. Jackson was devoted to his wife. Why did she not become First Lady when Jackson was president?
6. Edward Jenner discovered a vaccine for smallpox in 1796. Do some research and write a short report about the history of his discovery.
7. What part of Jackson's life would you like to learn more about? Explain your answer.

Answer Key

Multiple Choice

1. c.
2. c.
3. b.
4. d.
5. a.
6. b.

Short Answer

1. Individual response
2. As a teenager Jackson and his brother were couriers in the American Revolutionary War. They were captured by the British. Jackson's arm and face were severely cut by a British officer's sword and Jackson caught smallpox while in prison camp. Jackson was rescued from the prison camp by his mother when he was just fourteen. His brother died on the trip home and his mother died shortly thereafter.
3. Individual response
4. The Twelfth Amendment states that if no presidential candidate wins a majority in the Electoral College, then the House of Representatives chooses the president. In the election of 1824, even though Jackson won the most electoral votes, he did not win a majority of the votes. The election was decided by the House of Representatives who selected John Quincy Adams.
5. Jackson's wife lived to see him elected to the White House but she died between the election and the inauguration.
6. Individual response
7. Individual response

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