



Should Andrew Jackson remain on the \$20 bill?

The United States has a rule that only non-living people can be featured on the paper money of our country. However, how do we choose who gets to be on the money in the first place?

Many people believe that to be featured on money you should have a huge impact on the country's development. People like George Washington, the first president, and Abraham Lincoln, the slave emancipator, are past Americans who are featured on money for their contributions to America. Andrew Jackson was placed on the \$20 bill in 1927, replacing President Grover Cleveland. Since then this placement has been very controversial.

In the modern day, The Anti-Jackson League (AJL) has formed a formal petition against the US Government, demanding to have Andrew Jackson removed from the \$20 bill because they believe he is against what America stands for.

It is your job to decide whether you should join the AJL against Andrew Jackson or if Andrew Jackson earned his place on the \$20 and should remain there. You will create propaganda for or against Andrew Jackson to help influence and sway other Americans to join your side of the fight! If you are for Jackson getting off the \$20 - what prominent American should take his place?

What is propaganda? Information (particularly misleading information) used to promote or publicize a particular viewpoint (think advertising!)

Goal: Students will use primary sources to develop an opinion on Andrew Jackson's role in American history.

Task:

- You will choose a side - joining the Anti-Jackson League against Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill or you will chose to fight the Anti-Jackson League to keep Jackson on the \$20 bill.
- You will write a written statement about your opinion using items from the primary sources.
- You will create a flyer depicting your side of the argument.

Requirements (check off in boxes as completed)

- ☐ Students will carefully read the primary sources about Jackson and his two terms as president.
- ☐ Students will complete the chart to help understand the arguments made about Jackson's presidency.
- ☐ Students will write a 2 page persuasive essay about whether Jackson should be on the \$20 bill or not.
- ☐ Students will create a flyer (digitally, collage, hand drawn, a mixed media piece, etc) to support their position.

Where should you get your information about Jackson?

Online Sources

[A Brief Look at Jackson's Life](#)

[Jackson's Domestic Policies](#) (Indian Removal Act and Bank Act)

[Impact and Legacy](#)

[Andrew Jackson's Family](#)

Primary Sources

[Trail of Tears Description by Samuel Cloud](#)

[Speech about Indian Removal Act of 1830 by Andrew Jackson](#)

[On the Bank - Andrew Jackson Speech](#)

[About Presidential Veto - by Henry Clay](#)

Just Googling about Andrew Jackson is not effective research!

Note

Jackson is known for much more than just his actions against Native Americans in the 1830s. Even during this time, he did not do this out of a hatred towards Native Americans, but because of his fundamental belief in the rights of the states that made up America.

Consider his role in the Native American Removal, but also consider his role in the Banking Crisis and the South Carolina's attempt at Nullification.

When is this project due?

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

(In the event of a snow storm, it will be due the next day (the 11th))