

Guiding Questions for Primary Source Readings

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Answer these on a separate piece of paper

Document #1 Jackson

1. Thinking back to the War of 1812, what do you already know about Jackson's feelings towards Indians? What types of things did you expect him to say in his speech? Did anything surprise you?
2. Why does Jackson think the U.S. is better in the 1830's than back in George Washington's time?
3. Why does Jackson think that the Cherokee will be better off in Indian Territory?
4. Why does Jackson think his policy is kind and generous?

Document #2 Elias Boudinot

1. Who is Elias Boudinot? What do expect him to say about removal?
2. What was Boudinot observing of Cherokee life in Georgia?
3. Why does Boudinot believe he is doing the right thing? What happens if they stay?

Document #3 Chief John Ross

1. Who does Ross represent? Who is his audience?
2. How does Ross feel he and his tribe are being disrespected?
3. How can Ross make the argument that the treaty signed is invalid?