

## H9 Sources for Writing – Western Expansion

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The sources below cover Indian Removal to the west, as covered in your book on [p.134-5](#), and [the video we watched in class](#).

- ▶ **Source 1:** Here's is **President Andrew Jackson's address to Congress** in 1830 ([link](#)).

(Indian removal) "will separate the Indians from immediate contact with settlements of whites; free them from the power of the States; enable them to pursue happiness in their own way and under their own rude institutions; will retard the progress of decay, which is lessening their numbers, and perhaps cause them gradually, under the protection of the Government and through the influence of good counsels, to cast off their savage habits and become an interesting, civilized, and Christian community.

- Source 2:** Here is **Cherokee Chief John Ross' letter to Congress**, written from his home in Georgia to the Congress, in 1836 ([link](#)).

The (treaty) in question is not the act of our Nation....it has not received the sanction of our people. ..and we cannot but contemplate (it) as an act of injustice and oppression...

In truth, our cause is your own; it is the cause of liberty and of justice; it is based upon your own principles, which we have learned from yourselves; for we have gloried to count your [George] Washington and your [Thomas] Jefferson our great teachers...

We have learned your religion also. We have read your Sacred books. Hundreds of our people have embraced their doctrines, practised the virtues they teach, cherished the hopes they awaken, and rejoiced in the consolations which they afford...

...But we speak to the representatives of a Christian country; the friends of justice; the patrons of the oppressed. ... To you we address our reiterated prayers. Spare our people! .....

Let not our deserted homes become the monuments of our desolation!

# QUESTIONS

1 . Who wrote this? When? Where?

Source 1:

Source 2:

2 . What seems to be the purpose of this document? (or: Why was it written?)

Source 1:

Source 2:

3 . How does President Jackson feel about Indian removal?

- A) He isn't sure
- B) He supports it, reluctantly
- C) He supports it and says it's good for them
- D) He is against it

4 . What does Jackson suggest as a potential outcome of Native Americans being removed from their lands?

- A) They will form stronger alliances with neighboring tribes
- B) They will resist the influence of the government
- C) They will gradually adopt civilized habits
- D) They will become more isolated from other communities

5 . What does Jackson suggest about Native American religious beliefs?

- A) They should be respected
- B) They should be preserved
- C) They should be replaced with Christianity
- D) They are admirable

6 . How does Chief John Ross feel about Indian removal?

- A) He isn't sure
- B) He supports it, reluctantly
- C) He supports it and says it's good for them
- D) He is against it

7 . What is the primary reason Chief John Ross gives for rejecting the treaty?

- A) It lacks the approval of their Nation's people
- B) It promises too much liberty and justice
- C) It aligns with their principles learned from American leaders
- D) It offers excellent terms to their Nation

8 . What plea does Chief John Ross make to the representatives of Congress?

- A) To abandon their Christian values
- B) To disregard their prayers
- C) To spare their people and homes
- D) To continue oppressing their Nation

Check your work! Write your answers for questions 3-8 in order, e.g.

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ABCDAB etc

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