

## Creating Act-It-Outs About Jackson's Presidency

Your group will bring to life two images from Andrew Jackson's presidency. Your teacher will select one member of your group to play your assigned character. A reporter will then interview the characters.

### Act-It-Out 1: Jackson's Inauguration

**Step 1:** Circle the character your group is assigned.

*Farmer on the Frontier*

*Banker from Philadelphia*

**Step 2:** Discuss these questions. Make sure everyone in your group is prepared to answer them.

- What hopes do you have for Jackson's presidency?
- What fears do you have for Jackson's presidency?
- If you have a chance to meet Jackson, what will you say to him?
- Do you think Jackson will promote democracy during his presidency? Why or why not?

**Step 3:** Discuss how the person who is chosen to perform can make the character come alive through facial expressions, tone of voice, and posture. Collect simple props to use during the act-it-out.

### Act-It-Out 2: The Trail of Tears

**Step 1:** Circle the character your group is assigned.

*Armed Soldier Escorting Cherokees  
to Indian Territory*

*Cherokee Boy Carrying Dog*

*Cherokee Father Driving Wagon*

*Elderly Cherokee Woman on Horse*

*Georgian Settler Living on Former*

*Cherokee Warrior on Horse*

*Indian Land (not pictured)*

*Cherokee Mother Walking*

*Andrew Jackson (not pictured)*

**Step 2:** Discuss these questions. Make sure everyone in your group is prepared to answer them.

- Why are American Indians being removed from their homelands?
- Do you think the policy of Indian removal is fair? Why or why not?
- How has this policy changed your life?
- Do you think this policy promotes American democracy? Why or why not?

**Step 3:** Discuss how the person who is chosen to perform can make the character come alive through facial expressions, tone of voice, and posture. Collect simple props to use during the act-it-out.