

★ **Reteaching Activity 6**

The Spirit of Reform, 1828–1845

Reform was the watchword of the Jacksonian era. Andrew Jackson sought to reform politics by reaching out to the ordinary citizen. Ordinary Americans responded by seeking to apply the truths stated in the Declaration of Independence to all aspects of national life. This generation of reformers left its stamp on religion, philosophy, literature, education, and civil rights. Later generations adopted this spirit of reform, which continues to this day.

DIRECTIONS: Each individual or group listed below represents a reform movement. Identify each individual or group, and then indicate the nature of the reform they promoted and/or the goal they sought to achieve.

1. Ralph Waldo Emerson: _____

2. The Shakers: _____

3. Dorothea Dix: _____

4. American Temperance Union: _____

5. Horace Mann: _____

6. Emma Willard: _____

7. Elizabeth Cady Stanton: _____

8. William Lloyd Garrison: _____

9. Frederick Douglass: _____

10. **Critical Thinking** Name at least one specific reform currently being sought on a national, state, or local level. Briefly explain its stated goal(s). Consider the areas of education, civil rights, the environment, religion, substance abuse, mental health, and government.

