

The Jackson Era

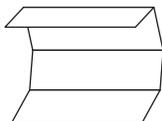
TOPIC SUMMARY

In the election of 1828, Americans for the first time elected a president from the nation’s frontier—Andrew Jackson. During Jackson’s administration, voting rights expanded, the spoils system was introduced, and nominating conventions were first used to select party candidates. Political gains, however, did not extend to women, Native Americans, and African Americans. By 1842 most Native Americans in the East had been forcibly removed from their lands to reservations west of the Mississippi. Martin Van Buren succeeded Jackson as president and persuaded Congress to establish an independent federal treasury.

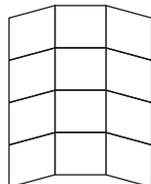
FOLDABLES
Study Organizer

Organizing Information Make this Foldable to organize what students learn about the Jackson Era.

Step 1 Fold a sheet of paper into fourths from top to bottom.



Step 2 Fold the paper into thirds along the long axis. You have formed a table with three columns and four rows.



Step 3 Label the left column with the chapter number and the titles of the sections. Label column two “Problems.” Label column three “Solutions.”

Chapter 11	Problems	Solutions
Jackson Democracy		
Conflicts Over Land		
Jackson and the Bank		

Reading and Writing

Write down the problems that arose during the Jackson Era and attempts to solve these problems.

TOPIC ACTIVITY IDEAS

Debating

Have students create the Study Foldable above, including the Reading and Writing activity. Have students use the Foldable as a resource to debate whether they support or oppose the following statement: *Andrew Jackson’s presidency ushered in a new age in American government and politics.* The information compiled in the Foldable can be used to support their positions.

DEFINING

Create the Foldable in an 11" × 17" format. Have students complete the Foldable as shown to the right. Encourage students to collect and define terms they to need to work on related to this topic. This table can be folded in half, holes can be punched, and it can be stored in a binder.

Chapter 11	Content Vocabulary	Academic Vocabulary
Jacksonian Democracy		
Conflicts Over Land		
Jackson and the Bank		

Westward Expansion	Actions	Reactions
Native Americans		
Settlers		

DESCRIBING

Create the Foldable in an 8.5" × 11" format, folding three columns and three rows. Label columns and rows as illustrated to the left. Use the table to collect information on the actions taken by settlers and Native Americans and the resulting reactions.

Student Study Tip

As students are learning a chapter, have them write on index cards important facts: vocabulary words, dates, important people, and so on. Remind students to review their cards as they study the chapter. Students may want to quiz each other using their index cards before taking the chapter test.