

## Removal Act of 1830 Annotations

- US Gov. used treaties to move NA
  - Often broke them and ignored Supreme Court rulings
  - “Removal Act of 1830” made this stronger
  - US moving Westwards
- Early 1800s
  - Whites in SE (south-east) asked gov to remove NA
  - Only happened due to wars
- 1814 - Gen. Andrew Jackson beats Creek Indians
  - Forces to sign treaty, give up 20 million acres
  - Jackson later negotiated 9 other treaties to remove NA
- Creek, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw tried to give up some land to keep some
  - Seminoles fought 3 wars against US
- Const. says congress controls business/treaties w/foreign nations, states, NA tribes
  - Early treaties gave US right to represent NA tribes
  - Jackson used this to remove them
- Indian Removal Act of 1830
  - Pres. can give land west of Miss. River to tribes who give up their land
    - \$ and goods to help move in
    - NA live on new land forever, w/US protecting them
  - Jackson used to manipulate NA
- Jackson
  - 70ish removal treaties
  - 50,000 NA moved to “Indian Territory”
    - W of Miss.
    - No include Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas
  - Millions of acres of great farmland now open to white settlers
  - Planned to push NA into Oklahoma
- Supreme Court
  - “NA are like the kids of the US”
  - “Actually, they’re independent nations”, no follow Georgia law
    - Jackson - I don’t care
      - 1 Chief signs removal treaty
- Trail of Tears
  - Federal troops and Georgia militia force Cherokee across the Miss.
    - 15,000 to 16,000 Cherokee died

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- By 1840s, only some Seminoles able to resist, stay in South (Florida)