

Trail of Tears: The Cherokee Fight Against Removal

Final Assignment Instructions

In this lesson, you have learned about the assimilation strategy of the Cherokees that worked for a number of years. You have also learned that this strategy was finally overcome by the Indian Removal Act. You will now write an essay that shares what you have learned and what you think about it. You will need a printout of your notes.

- Choose one of the topics below and **write** an essay.
- **Organize** your response so that it includes at least three supporting details that you have learned from the reading passage, video, and other materials in this lesson.
- **Use** at least three vocabulary words (or a form of the words) as part of your supporting details.

Essay Topics

1. In your own words, describe how the Cherokees changed their culture in order to stay on their land. Then explain why they ended up losing their land even with these changes.
2. You are a Cherokee chief in 1831. Write a letter to the U.S. Supreme Court arguing why the Cherokees should be able to remain on their land.

Vocabulary Words

assimilate
civilized
culture
removal
treaty