# Section 4

**Indian Removal** 

## Native Americans of the Southeast

•	When Ajack became pres,	
		lived east of
	MS River	
	<ul> <li>Mostly farmers or in towns</li> </ul>	
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	– MS, GA, AL, NC, TN	
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	— FL	<del></del>

Made up of Creeks, FL Native Americans, escaped slaves

### Native Americans of the Southeast

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- Many had \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - Successful \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - Many could
  - Written alphabet for Cherokee language- invented by
  - 1827- claimed themselves as
    - Had written Constitution with government
    - Started a newspaper in Cherokee and English

### **Conflict Over Land**

- Forced Removal
  - To US, Native Americans were a threat to US expansion west
  - Also lived on fertile soil- wanted by
  - Removal policies started with TJeff- wanted it to be
     to preserve cultures
  - After War of 1812- several Native American groups in Old NW forced west by treaties with US
  - In 1820s, pressure of Natives of Southeast was huge
    - 1825 and 1827- GA passed law forcing Creeks to give up land
    - 1828- GA tried to get Cherokees to do the same- did not recognize them as a nation

### **Conflict Over Land**

Support for Native Americans

- court refused to stop Georgia from removing Cherokees
  Georgia's laws have no force in Cherokee territory
  John Marshall said that US had signed treaties with Native Americans giving them rights to certain land
  Treaties were protected by \_\_\_\_\_\_
  Jackson was irate- wanted to remove Indians with
  - Gave him authority to exchange Native American lands in east with offers for land in the west- also have him \$ to do so

### On the Trail of Tears

- Removal of the Choctaws
  - Many Native groups felt they had no choice
  - Began signing treaties giving up land- started with Choctaws in 1830
  - Groups would be moved to Indian Territory(\_\_\_\_\_\_)
  - Groups would be escorted by \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - Government did not provide enough tents, supplies, food, blankets, shoes, etc....rain and snow made it worse
    - Many people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### On the Trail of Tears

- Removal of the Cherokees
  - Held out a bit longer- through Jackson's 2<sup>nd</sup> term
  - \_\_\_\_\_(8<sup>th</sup> pres) forced them out
  - Winter of 1838-9 Cherokees marched west with 7,000 US soldiers
  - Had little/no shelter or food over a march that was 100s of miles long
  - Of 15000 Cherokees, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  - Became known as \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### On the Trail of Tears

- \_\_\_\_\_\_ held out the longest
- US to stay in FL
- In 1840s after 3<sup>rd</sup> war, most Seminoles forced to Indian Territory
- Many Native groups struggled to rebuild lives in new land