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### Trail of Tears Video Worksheet

**Matching:** Match the historical figure with their description.

- A. Sequoyah
- B. Andrew Jackson
- C. Elias Boudinot
- D. John Marshall
- E. John Ross

1.  E  A chief of the Cherokee tribe.
2.  C  An editor of the Cherokee newspaper.
3.  B  Seventh president of the United States; elected in the late 1820s and signed the Indian Removal Act.
4.  A  Created a written alphabet in the Cherokee language.
5.  D  The chief justice that stated the Cherokee nation is a distinct community and that citizens of Georgia do not have a right to enter their land.

**Circle the correct answer:**

In 1828, the Cherokee Nation spanned across  8  states.

During the time of the Indian Removal Act, their territory was reduced by  90% .

**Smallpox** was a disease that was introduced to many American Indians.

Many people in the Cherokee tribe signed a **petition** to try to stop the removal.

The petition did not pass and the Cherokees were forced to leave by militia troops.

An eastern band of the Cherokee Nation escaped the roundup and hid in the mountains in **North Carolina**.

### Short Answer Questions:

What happened when gold was discovered on Cherokee land? People intruded Cherokee land for gold. Cherokees were arrested for mining for gold in their own land by the Georgia guard.

How would you describe what the Trail of Tears was like?

What was the Treaty of New Echota? A treaty in 1835 that was signed, ceding Cherokee land to the U.S. in exchange for compensation.

Where did Cherokee have to stay when they were marched from their homes?

Forts, large prison camps

Why did many Cherokee die along the Trail of Tears? Disease, the walk was strenuous, the old and young could often not survive this ordeal, etc.

What did the Cherokee have to do after they got to the new territory? Rebuild their entire society

What areas around you were once part of the Trail of Tears? Trail of Tears National Historic Trail in Fort Smith AR, Village Creek AR, Pea Ridge AR, etc.

What is life like now for Cherokee Indians?