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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. _____ A chief of the Cherokee tribe.
2. _____ An editor of the Cherokee newspaper.
3. _____ Seventh president of the United States; elected in the late 1820s and signed the Indian Removal Act.
4. _____ Created a written alphabet in the Cherokee language.
5. _____ 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 or Fill in the Blank:

In 1828, the Cherokee Nation spanned across 8 / 25 states.

During the time of the Indian Removal Act, their territory was reduced by 10 % / 90%.

Smallpox / Chickenpox was a disease that was introduced to many American Indians.

Many people in the Cherokee tribe signed a petition / agreement 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 California / North Carolina.

Short Answer Questions:

What happened when gold was discovered on Cherokee land?

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

What was the Treaty of New Echota?

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

Why did many Cherokee die along the Trail of Tears?

What did the Cherokee have to do after they got to the new territory?

What areas around you were once part of the Trail of Tears?

What is life like now for Cherokee Indians?