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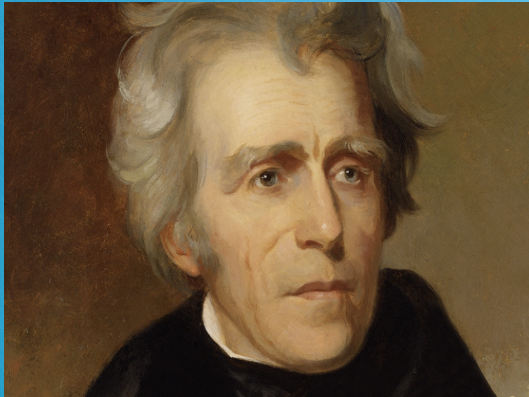
The Trail Of Tears

What Led to the Trail of Tears

- New incoming white settlers wanted land to grow food
- Their land: Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Florida, and Tennessee was occupied by Native Americans
- They wanted their land and would do anything to get it



What led to the Trail of Tears Continued



- Andrew Jackson: 7th President; wanted the Native American removed from the south
- This was known as the Indian Removal Act
- It was supposed to be peaceful, but the government started to threaten Native Americans



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- The government wanted to grow cotton and tobacco in the south
- They didn't want any Native Americans in this area
- They forced them to move west of the Mississippi River

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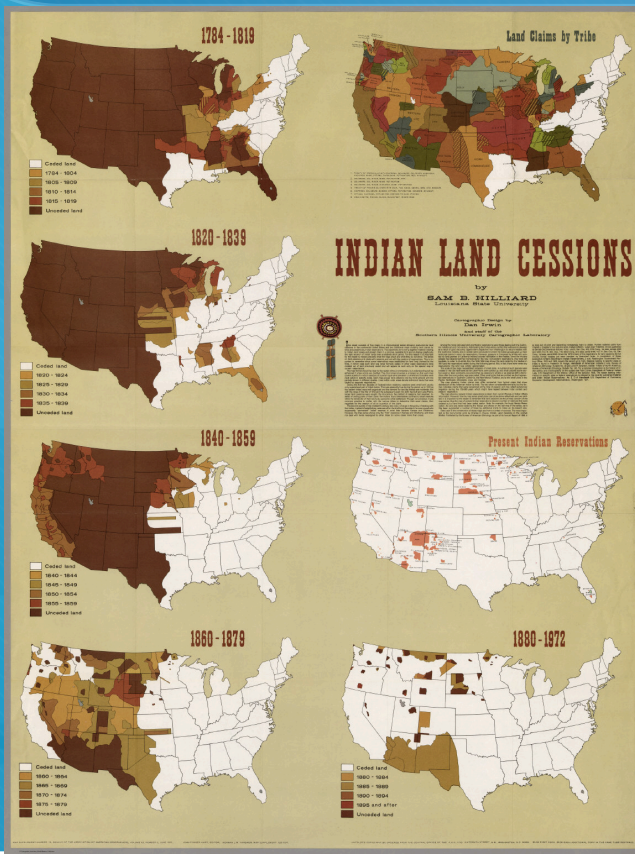


Why the Trail of Tears was important



- A ton of Native Americans died on the way west
- Tribes were split up: some stayed and fought while others complied
- Hardly any food, disease was spread

Future Native American removal



- The Native Americans got sent more west and west
- Territories were created for Native Americans
- Since white people were expanding west the Native American land was shrinking



Exit Question

Describe how you would feel if the government came to your house and forced you to move out.