

Rapid Development Challenge

Sources + Notes

<https://loveman.sdsu.edu/docs/1830IndianRemovalAct.pdf>

1. It is lawful for the President to declare any land west of the Mississippi River to be a part of the US and may divide Native American land to his whim.
2. It is lawful for the President to trade the divided Native American land to his whim.
3. It is lawful for the President to say that when he gives land to Native Americans that they can keep it or the US can give them a grant. If every Native American on the land dies then it reverts to the US.
4. It is lawful for the President to add improvements of value and to also decide the value of the land. If Native Americans request improvements then the land belongs to the US.
5. The President will give displaced Native Americans necessary aid for the first year after their removal.
6. The President will protect displaced Native Americans during their journey.
7. The President will have an equal amount of power over the Native Americans when they reach their destination.
8. Five thousand dollars will be used to enact the previous provisions.

<https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/jacksons-message-to-congress-on-indian-removal>

Language signifiers:

- Benevolent
- Happy consummation
- Speedy removal
- Pecuniary (monetary) advantage
- Civilized
- Savage
- Strengthen
- Separate
- Liberty
- Painful
- Fair exchange
- Perfection
- Gratitude and joy

<https://ualrexhibits.org/tribalwriters/artifacts/Family-Stories-Trail-of-Tears.html#Overview>

- Mary Cobb Agnew: Her family decided that moving was better than staying, white colonists would have made life miserable if they stayed. During the journey they were treated like cattle, leaving the fallen and dead behind where they fell. Many became sick during the journey.
- Jobe Alexander: His family was gathered up and put into pens. Some protested and murdered the guards.
- Lilian Anderson: Her grandfather lost his mother, father, and sister during the journey. The food was only cornbread or roasted green corn. Went days sometimes without water.

<https://treaties.okstate.edu/treaties/treaty-with-the-cherokee-1798-0051>

1. Peace and friendship between the Cherokee and US is established.
2. This treaty will last.
3. Limits of the Cherokee nation will remain unchanged.
4. Some lands must be ceded to the US.
5. To prevent future misunderstandings, one US commissioner and one Cherokee commissioner will create a drawn boundary where there isn't a natural one.
6. The US will give the Cherokee goods worth up to \$5,000, then, annually, goods up to \$1,000, for the remainder both countries exist.
7. Kentucky Road will remain free and open to US citizens.
8. Notice will be given to the Cherokee towns regarding the goods gifted.
9. Horses stolen between both parties must be returned or paid back with \$60. All other debts and grudges will be forgiven.
10. If a US agent lives with the Cherokee, he must be given land. This treaty will continue in good faith.