

“Through Our Own Eyes: A Chickasaw Perspective on Removal” - Discussion Questions

Directions: Please answer each question with full sentences and one or two paragraphs.

Questions for 9th-10th grade:

1. What were the major events that led to the Chickasaw Removal?
2. What made the Chickasaw Removal unique? Were there any problems associated with this unique removal situation? If so, what were they?
3. Why did it matter to the Chickasaws that the states of Alabama and Mississippi attempted through legislation to abolish the Chickasaw's sovereignty, or the nation's right to govern itself? Explain your answer.

Questions for 11th-12th grade:

1. What were the major factors that led to the Chickasaw Removal? Which factor played the largest part in causing Chickasaw Removal? Explain your answer.
2. What made the Chickasaw Removal unique? Were there any problems associated with this unique removal situation? If so, what were they?
3. Why did it matter to the Chickasaws that the states of Alabama and Mississippi attempted to abolish the Chickasaw Nation's sovereignty, or the nation's right to govern itself? If the federal government had granted the Chickasaws authority over their own removal, in terms of planning and overseeing it, do you think it would have gone better? Why or why not?

Unit Test Questions

True-False:

The Chickasaws paid for their own removal. T

Major E.A. Hitchcock determined that the federal government and its contractors had defrauded the Chickasaws during their removal. T

It took the Chickasaws thirteen years to complete their removal. T

The relationship between whites and Chickasaws was very friendly just before removal. F

Multiple Choice:

In what year did the Chickasaws begin their removal?

- a) 1763

b) 1818

c) 1837

d) 1845

Which piece of legislation prompted the removal of the Chickasaw Nation and other Native American tribes from the southeastern United States?

a) The Indian Removal Act

b) The Indian Relocation Act

c) The Indian Reorganization Act

d) The Proclamation of 1763

What word best describes the Chickasaws' reaction at learning that they must move to Indian Territory?

a) despairing

b) befuddled

c) joyful

d) apathetic

Short Essay:

Why is it significant that the Chickasaws paid for their own removal? What did this allow them to do?

How did the article about the Chickasaw's removal, "Through Our Own Eyes: An Indigenous Perspective of Chickasaw Removal," affect your overall understanding of Indian Removal? Explain your answer.

Long Essay:

Compare and contrast the Chickasaw's removal with the Cherokee's removal (or another tribe, if the teacher sees it more fitting).