

Section 2

1. Symbols will vary.

1767: Jackson was born into poverty on the South Carolina frontier.

1780: Jackson joined a local militia to fight in the American Revolution.

1788: Jackson moved to Tennessee to practice law.

1814: Jackson became a national hero for his defense of New Orleans during the War of 1812.

1824: Jackson ran for president but did not have enough electoral votes to win a majority.

1828: Jackson ran for president a second time and won.

2. Possible answers:

Common people: The people want Jacksonian Democracy. The new Democratic Party will represent the ordinary people of this country like farmers, workers, and the poor.

Upper class: Jackson is unfit to be president. He's not well educated, and he has a hot temper.

Section 3

1. Possible answers:

Common people: Finally, one of us has been elected president! We have rescued the country from being taken over by the rich!

Upper class: Is Jackson really the best this country has to offer? He represents the uneducated commoners—look how they behaved after his inauguration!

2. Jackson promised to throw out the monied interests and return the government to the people.

Section 4

1. Possible answers:

Common people: Jackson is a strong leader who does what he thinks is right. We agree with

his decision to replace civil servants. Rotating them is more democratic than lifetime service.

Upper class: The men in Jackson's kitchen cabinet are not the proper sort to be running the country. And Jackson has created a spoils system that rewards his supporters, not the most qualified.

2. Answers will vary.

Section 5

1. Possible answers:

Northerners: We support the new tariff law. Higher prices for imported factory goods means we can sell the products made in our own factories.

Southerners: The new tariff law is unconstitutional. The tariffs hurt our cotton sales to other countries. We will secede if the government tries to enforce the law.

2. Answers will vary.

Section 6

1. Possible answers:

Common people: President Jackson's dismantling of the bank shows he is a champion of the people! The bank is an unconstitutional monopoly that makes the rich richer at the expense of farmers and workers.

Upper class: The bank is important to our economy. It supports businesspeople who depend on it for loans. Jackson has overstepped his authority by dismantling the bank and putting federal deposits in his "pet banks."

2. Answers will vary.

Section 7

1. Possible answers: Jackson has cheated us of our land by making treaties he never intended to keep. We have been dragged from our homes and forced to move. On the Trail of Tears, 4,000 of us died.

2. Answers will vary.