

7SS Newsletter – 12.13.18

Hello 7th Grade Parents,

The students completed their study of Chapter 9, The Jefferson Era with a chapter test. All students had the opportunity yesterday to complete test corrections. Those corrections will be posted as soon as I have them graded.

This week, students were discussing on [Chapter 10 / Section 3](#), which focused on the growth of Sectionalism and early conflicts over the spread of slavery. There will be a quiz on just this section next Tuesday, 12/18. Study strategies are re-reading the section, reviewing the many notes we took together in class, and reviewing the teacher notes found on the website.

Next, students will be starting to study [Chapter 11, The Jackson Era](#). The struggle for political rights took shape in the 1820s and 1830s, when many people questioned the limits of American democracy. The Jackson administration greatly increased the power of the Executive Branch of government. Jackson took on several controversial issues, including the tariff debate and the National Bank of the United States. Perhaps the action that President Jackson is the most well-known for was his policy towards the Native Americans. The Indian Removal Act forced thousands of Native Americans to relocate to the Indian Territory in Oklahoma. It is at this point in our history that the Trail of Tears occurred. In the years since the Jackson era, women, African-Americans, and other minorities have won the right to vote and to participate in the political process. Today, every United States citizen aged 18 or older, regardless of gender, race, or wealth, has the right to vote.

Students will first explore the elections of 1824 and 1828, discussing how Jackson's election to the presidency changed the election process. We will then examine the tariff debate and nullification crisis. Students will spend the most time analyzing the Indian Removal Policy. They will dig deeply into primary sources on the event and discuss Native American resistance to the relocation. Finally, students will review the presidency of Andrew Jackson and fill out a report card on his administration.

Students have also finished up their Unit on Geography and will begin a unit on [Economics](#) when we return from Christmas Break.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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Mrs. Esquivel