

## ANSWERS—REMOVAL & RELOCATION OF THE CHEROKEES

Guiding Questions	Notes	Source of Information
<p><b>Prior to Removal:</b> Where were the Cherokees' ancestral homes? What was their lifestyle there?</p>	<p><i>The Cherokees began in the Appalachian Mountains but by the 1800s, had settled in Tennessee and Georgia. They lived in villages with a central tribal house for ceremonies and were a matriarchal society, run by women. They hunted game and planted crops.</i></p>	<p><i>Oklahoma Historical Society</i></p>
<p><b>Removal and Relocation:</b> How and when were Cherokees removed from their homeland? What was it like on the Trail of Tear to Oklahoma territory? Where were Cherokees eventually relocated in Oklahoma?</p>	<p><i>Between 1838 to 1839, the last of the Cherokees were forcibly removed from their lands in Georgia. Settlers wanted Cherokee land for planting cotton and gold had been discovered. About ¼ of the tribe died on the Trail of Tears and were marched by the federal government under General Winifred Scott. Scott's address to the nation was to say that Cherokees would be forcibly removed if they did not go peacefully.</i></p>	<p><i>New Georgia Encyclopedia Scott's address to the Cherokees</i></p>
<p><b>Response:</b> How did the Cherokees and their leaders respond to removal and relocation?</p>	<p><i>As Georgia tried to take more rights and from the Cherokees, the Cherokees went to the Supreme Court in two cases (1831, 1832). In Worcester v. Georgia, the Supreme Court sided with the Cherokees, but Andrew Jackson would not enforce the ruling and continued to pressure the Cherokees to relocate. Chief John Ross said, "we have been treated like dogs."</i></p>	<p><i>New Georgia Encyclopedia Chief John Ross Responses to Removal Oklahoma Historical Society Digital History</i></p>
<p><b>Additional Facts:</b> Add any interesting or surprising facts found during your research.</p>	<p><i>Answers will vary. Some facts: They were one of the largest tribes. The tribe made many advancements. They had their own written alphabet, constitution. The Cherokees considered themselves as a sovereign nation living within the United States.</i></p>	<p><i>Cherokee Nation New Georgia Encyclopedia</i></p>