TASK SHEET & ORGANIZER—THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIVE AMERICANS

# GROUP TASK:

With your group, research how the attitude of the federal government changed over time regarding the Native American tribes and their tribal lands. Use the note organizer and guiding questions on the next page to guide your research. The sources below can help you answer the guiding questions (an asterisk [\*] indicates primary sources). Divide up the work and share answers.

Once your group completes the note organizer, create three slides that address the guiding questions.

# RESEARCH LINKS:

**Treaties between the Federal Government and Native American Tribes:**

Indian treaties and the removal act of 1830. (n.d.). Office of the historian. <https://history.state.gov/milestones/1830-1860/indian-treaties>

Removal of tribes to Oklahoma (n.d.). Timeline of removal. Oklahoma historical society. <https://www.okhistory.org/research/airemoval> *(See timeline.)*

**Responses by Presidents to Native Americans and their Tribal Lands:**

President Jefferson and the Indian nations. (n.d.). Monticello.org. <https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/louisiana-lewis-clark/origins-of-the-expedition/jefferson-and-american-indians/president-jefferson-and-the-indian-nations/>

\*Monroe, J. (1825). President Munroe justifies the removal policy. Digital history. <http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtid=3&psid=677>

\*Jackson. A. (1829). Jackson’s rationale for the removal policy. Digital history. <http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtid=3&psid=676>

NOTES ORGANIZER

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| **Guiding Questions** | **Notes** | **Source of Information** |
| Treaties with the Federal Government: What were the goals of the federal government in signing treaties with Native American tribes? |  |  |
| Jefferson & Monroe Presidencies: How did Thomas Jefferson view Native American tribes?  How did James Monroe view Native American tribes? |  |  |
| Jackson Presidency: How did Andrew Jackson view Native American tribes?  What outcome did Jackson and the federal government hope to achieve with Native Americans? |  |  |
| Additional Facts: Add any interesting or surprising facts found during your research. |  |  |