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Andrew Jackson

*No Bell Ringer*

**Lesson:**  
The curators (managers) of the Hermitage (museum) take great care in preserving the history of President Jackson. To encourage students to learn about him, they have decided to hold a contest to decide what five objects best represent the former president, his actions, and his contributions to the United States. Each item you choose must represent or symbolize a positive or negative event or stage from Jackson's life or an idea central to his philosophy of life.  
  
Your group will be judged based on the creativity you show in the objects you select and your justification for selecting them.  
  
Potential Topics:

* Jackson's Personality
* Battle of New Orleans
* The Hermitage
* 1824 election
* 1828 election
* The Veto
* Democratic Party
* Spoils System
* Indian Removal
* Trial of Tears
* States' Rights
* Bank War
* Rise of Corporations
* Decline of Southern Plantations
* Nullification
* Slavery

**Task**

1. Break into groups (3 students per group). Select a leader who will be in charge of group discussions and keeping track of the work you accomplish both individually and as a group.
2. As a group, review the provided resources, discussing possible objects that you could use.

Links:

* + [Life of Andrew Jackson](http://www.thehermitage.com/jackson-family/andrew-jackson/early-life)
  + [Military Man](http://www.thehermitage.com/jackson-family/andrew-jackson/military-man)
  + [The Candidate](http://www.thehermitage.com/jackson-family/andrew-jackson/candidate)
  + [The President](http://www.thehermitage.com/jackson-family/andrew-jackson/president)
  + [Indian Removal](http://www.pbs.org/kcet/andrewjackson/themes/indian_removal.html)
  + [Trail of Tears](http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-2722) (New Georgia Encyclopedia)
  + [Reinventing the Presidency](http://www.pbs.org/kcet/andrewjackson/themes/reinventing_presidency.html)
  + [The Corporations](http://www.pbs.org/kcet/andrewjackson/themes/corporations.html)
  + [What Does America Owe The Slaves?](http://www.pbs.org/kcet/andrewjackson/themes/what_does_america_owe_its_slaves.html)
  + [Was Andrew Jackson a Great President?](http://www.pbs.org/kcet/andrewjackson/themes/was_andrewjackson_good_president.html)

    3. Once finished reviewing the resources, select your top six items. Let me (Coach Harris) review them.  
    4. Working individually, you should return to the resources and take specific notes on your selected topics.  Make sure you indicate on your notes where you found the information.   
    5. As a group, draw a picture or symbol for each object.  
    6. As a group, come up with a paragraph justification on why the object should be added to the Hermitage contest.   
  
What you will turn in:

* Research notes with sources cited
* A sketch or drawing of each object
* At least 100 words that explain how this item represents the topic