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Removal of the Cherokee from their lands in the east to Oklahoma happened as a result of a series of events. In this lesson, you will learn about some of those events and how they led to the "Trail of Tears."



Instructions: Use the links below to find information to complete each item.

Part I: In 1828, the State of Georgia enacted legislation to begin the process of removal of Cherokees from within the bounds of the state. In order to stop the process, the Cherokee filed suit in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Begin by examining this 1827 map of the state. [Finley Map - 1827](#)

1. What is the date of the map? _____
2. What is the purpose of the map? _____
3. Who might have been the audience for the map? _____
4. What evidence is there of the claims by the Creek and Cherokee?

Now read about the case *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia*: [Overview](#) [Decision](#)

5. According to the new laws of Georgia in 1828, what was to happen to all the lands in Cherokee country?



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6. What was to become of the gold and silver mines?

7. When the case went to the Supreme Court, did the court rule for or against the Cherokee?

8. On what grounds did the court make the ruling?

Part II: Georgia enacted additional laws restricting the Cherokee. Samuel Worcester was convicted of violating one of these laws.

Read about the case: [Worcester v. Georgia](#) [New Georgia Encyclopedia](#)

9. For what crime was Worcester convicted?

10. What was his sentence?

11. When did the Supreme Court rule on the case?

12. How did the Supreme Court rule? How did Georgia respond?

Part III: A group of Cherokee leaders, who did not have authority to speak for the tribe, signed the Treaty of New Echota in 1835. Part of the treaty called for the removal of the Cherokee to Indian Territory.

Skim over the [Treaty with the Cherokee, 1835](#).

13. In Article 1 of the treaty, what did the Cherokee give up?

14. What did Article 1 provide for the Cherokee?

15. What is the main idea of Article 2 of the treaty?



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16. Which U.S. government facility was mentioned in Article 3? What was to happen to it under the terms of the treaty?

17. What provisions were allowed for in Article 8 for moving the Cherokee?

Part IV: Examine the timeline and map describing the Trail of Tears.

[Trail of Tears Map](#) [Trail of Tears Timeline \(1838-1839\)](#)

18. Describe the natural disaster that occurred at the start of the roundup, eventually delaying the removal.

19. About how many Cherokee died while confined in stockades during the summer of 1838?

20. What document was signed on July 12, 1839?

21. When was the Cherokee constitution adopted?

22. Which town became the capital of the Cherokee Nation?

23. What is the estimated death toll of the entire removal on the Cherokee?

24. About how far did the Cherokee travel on the Trail of Tears?
