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Trail of Tears Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. What was the Indian Removal Act of 1830?

- (A) A law letting the president make treaties to move Native nations west of the Mississippi
- (B) A law protecting Native nations in the Southeast from all state governments
- (C) A law giving Native nations in the West new land in Georgia and Alabama
- (D) A law making members of Native nations in the Southeast US citizens

2. What did the Supreme Court rule in Worcester v. Georgia in 1832?

- (A) That Georgia could sell Cherokee land to gold miners
- (B) That the Cherokee had to leave Georgia within the next two years
- (C) That Georgia could not enforce its laws on Cherokee land
- (D) That the Indian Removal Act violated the Constitution

3. Why was the Treaty of New Echota controversial?

- (A) It was signed by Georgia state officials, not by the federal government
- (B) It was signed years before the Indian Removal Act became law
- (C) It was signed by the Creek Nation on behalf of the Cherokee
- (D) It was signed by a small group, not the elected Cherokee leaders

4. What happened during the Cherokee roundup of 1838?

- (A) US Army soldiers forced about 16,000 Cherokee into crowded camps
- (B) US Army soldiers protected Cherokee farms from Georgia settlers
- (C) Cherokee leaders gathered about 16,000 people to sign a new removal treaty
- (D) The Supreme Court ordered army soldiers to stop the Cherokee removal

5. Approximately how many Cherokee died on the Trail of Tears?

- (A) An estimated 100 to 300
- (B) An estimated 20,000 to 30,000
- (C) An estimated 4,000 to 8,000
- (D) An estimated 50,000 to 60,000

6. What do the Cherokee call the Trail of Tears in their own language?

- (A) Nunna daul Tsuny, the long walk in winter
- (B) Nunna daul Tsuny, the trail where they cried
- (C) Nunna daul Tsuny, the path away from home
- (D) Nunna daul Tsuny, the road toward the sunset

7. Which president signed the Indian Removal Act?

- (A) John Quincy Adams
- (B) Andrew Jackson
- (C) Martin Van Buren
- (D) James Monroe

8. Which Native American nation was the first to be removed under the Indian Removal Act?

- (A) The Creek
- (B) The Seminole
- (C) The Cherokee
- (D) The Choctaw

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