Name _____

PRIMARY SOURCE QUESTIONS

Use the excerpts on the page before to answer.

HARD WORDS

lawful allowed by law
districts areas of land
reside live
heirs or successors children and the people who come after them
violation breaking
instrument a legal paper; here, the Treaty of New Echota
indefeasible cannot rightly be taken away
disfranchised stripped of our rights
sanction approval
territory land
reception receiving, taking in
secure and guaranty protect and promise
construed understood, taken to mean
stipulations terms, rules
despoiled robbed
denationalized no longer treated as a nation
covenants promises in a treaty

QUESTIONS

1. **Read Section 1. Does the law say the nations must move, or that they may choose to? Use the Native Nations and Removal reading: what happened to the Cherokee in 1838?**

2. **What did Section 3 promise? What does Section 7 say about existing treaties?**

3. **Why did Ross and the council say the Treaty of New Echota "is not the act of our Nation"? Use the reading.**

4. **Which words from the 1836 letter show most strongly how the Cherokee felt? Explain your choice.**