Tennessee 1796-1848

Western Expansion
Southwest Territory
1790-1796
Tennessee Statehood 1796
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Who: William Blount, John Sevier and Andrew Jackson

When: June 1, 1796

Where: Knoxville, TN

What: TN became a state

Why: Census showed population qualified for statehood

How: Blount called meeting, wrote state constitution and submitted to Congress for approval
Battle of Horseshoe Bend
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Who: Andrew Jackson, David Crockett, Sam Houston, Tecumseh, Junaluska

When: March 27, 1814

Where: Tallapoosa River, Alabama

What: TN volunteers under Jackson along with Cherokee and Creek defeated Red Stick Creeks

Why: Red Stick Creeks had attacked white settlements; Defeat results in huge land cession

How: TN attacked from front; Cherokee stopped escape by river
Jackson Purchase 1818
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Who: Andrew Jackson, Isaac Shelby, Chickasaw
When: 1818
Where: West TN between Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers
What: Jackson and Shelby negotiated treaty with the Chickasaw
Why: Desire for land to expand west
How: Paid Chickasaw $300,000
Cherokee Cessions/Treaties
Indian Removal 1830
Treaty of New Echota 1835

Trail of Tears 1838
Indian Removal

Who: Andrew Jackson, John Ross, Major Ridge, John Ridge
When: 1830, 1835, 1838
Where: TN and Georgia to Indian Territory
What: Cherokee forced off their lands in GA and TN and pushed west on Trail of Tears
Why: Desire for land
How: Jackson refused to enforce Supreme Court decision in Worcester vs. Georgia, Ridge’s sign Treaty of New Echota and troops round up in 1838
Tennesseans in Texas
1835-1836

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Texas Revolution

Who: Sam Houston, David Crockett, and Santa Anna
When: 1835-1836
Where: Texas
What: Houston lead Texas’ forces in revolution; Crockett died at Alamo
Why: Desire for land; expansion of slavery
How: Texans inspired by the Alamo defeat Santa Anna’s army at San Jacinto
James K. Polk & Manifest Destiny 1846-1848