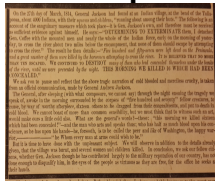


Teaching with Primary Sources Lesson Outline

Grade Level: Grade 6

Standard(s) or Objectives: CCSS.RI.6.2- Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
CCSS.RI.6.4- Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.

Morris Special Collections Resources:



Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845
Some account of some of the bloody deeds of Gen. Jackson, box 6, American Broadside from Pre-revolution to Post Civil War, Special Collections Research Center, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Topic Background:

Jackson is tagged a murderer in the execution of 13 militiamen during the War of 1812 (in two separate incidents); and for the merciless extermination of nearly 1,000 Indians in March 1814 and other Indian prisoners in 1818.

Excerpted from: <http://alincolnbookshop.com/product/jackson-andrew-broadside/>

Source(s) Used:

The source used for this assessment includes excerpts from the bloody deeds of Gen Jackson. This excerpt talks about a massacre that took place in 1814 in an Indian village by Gen Jackson which caused the death of hundreds of people.

Answer Key:

Question 1 – D

Question 2 – B

On the 27th day of March, 1814, General Jackson had found at an Indian village, at the bend of the Tallapoosa, about 4000 Indians, with their *squaws* and *children*, "running about among their huts." The following is an account of the sanguinary massacre which took place—it is Gen. Jackson's own, and therefore must be received as sufficient evidence against himself. He says:—"DETERMINING TO EXTERMINATE them, I detached Gen. Coffee with the mounted men and nearly the whole of the Indian force, early on the morning of yesterday, to cross the river about two miles below the encampment, that none of them should escape by attempting to cross the river." The result he then details:—"Five hundred and fifty-seven were left dead on the Peninsula, and a great number of them were killed by the horsemen attempting to cross the river. IT IS BELIEVED THAT NO MORE THAN TEN ESCAPED. WE CONTINUED TO DESTROY many of them who had concealed themselves under the banks of the river, until we were prevented by the night. THIS MORNING WE KILLED 16 WHICH HAD BEEN CONCEALED."

We ask you to pause and reflect that the above tragic narration of cold blooded and merciless cruelty, is taken from an official communication, made by General Andrew Jackson.

The General, after sleeping (with what composure, we cannot say) through the night ensuing the tragedy we speak of, awoke in the morning surrounded by the corpses of "five hundred and seventy" fellow creatures, to cause, by way of worthy afterpiece, sixteen others to be dragged from their concealments, and put to death in cold blood. We cannot boast of more than common sensibility, but we must think that to witness such an act, would make ours a little cold also. What are the general's words?—these: "this morning we killed sixteen which had been concealed!"—and the man who acts and speaks thus; who has half as much blood upon his conscience, as he has upon his hands—he, forsooth, is to be called the peer and *like* of Washington, the happy warrior, _____ "he Whom every man at arms could wish to be."

But it is time to have done with the unpleasant subject. We will observe in addition to the details already given, that the village was burnt, and several women and children killed. In conclusion, we ask our fellow citizens, whether Gen. Jackson though he has contributed largely to the military reputation of our country, has not done enough to disqualify him, in the eyes of the people as virtuous as they are free, for the office he seeks at their hands.

1. Which statement from the article best represents a central idea? (CC.2)

- A. " We continued to destroy many of them who had concealed themselves under the banks of the river, until we were prevented by the night."
- B. " five hundred and fifty-seven were left dead on the Peninsula and a great number of them were killed by the horseman attempting to cross the river."
- C. "this morning we killed sixteen which had been concealed."
- D. "we ask whether Gen Jackson though he has contributed largely to the military reputation of our country, has not done enough to disqualify him, in the eyes of the people as virtuous as they are free, for the office he seeks at their hands. "

2. Which of these words is closest in meaning to exterminate in paragraph 1? (CC.4)

- A. Create
- B. Destroy
- C. Help
- D. Bear