

A.M.D.G.

American History 11 – Mr. Ruppert

Chapter 10 / Section 2: Jackson's Presidency

Documentary: "Andrew Jackson: A Man For The People" (30 points)

Each of the following questions are worth 5 points. Your response should be a solid, well organized and well developed answer of approximately ½ to ¾ page in length.

1. The Presidential election campaign of 1828 was a particularly dirty campaign, with both candidates slandering each other. Compare and contrast methods of discrediting a candidate used in 1828 with methods used today. Could a man of a similar background to Jackson become President today?
 2. It is said that Andrew Jackson changed American politics and government and ushered in a new political order. What is meant by this "new order"? How did Jackson's presidency transform the American political system?
 3. Historians believe that Andrew Jackson was the "first modern President". What is the difference between Jackson's presidency and the presidents that came before him? How did Jackson implement the modern presidency / redefine the office of chief executive? Use specific examples to demonstrate your points.
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Make Your Own Jacksonian Cartoon (15 points)

Most people think of cartoons as humorous entertainment but, as we have seen in reference to Andrew Jackson, they are also used to convey political messages. Draw a cartoon indicating a pro-Jackson or anti-Jackson stand in reference to some aspect(s) of his Presidency. The cartoon should clearly make reference to one or more controversial events / aspects of Jackson's presidency...stick figures are OK if necessary!...it is the strength and clarity of your ideas in your work that will be evaluated...as with any political cartoon, enhancements such as overall captions / titles and/or speaker quote bubbles may help you more clearly get your point across.

