



# Andrew Jackson

Our 7<sup>th</sup> President

Jackson was the 7<sup>th</sup> President of the United States and one of the most influential. He was given the nickname "Old Hickory" due to his toughness and the fact that he was associated with the frontier lifestyle. One main reason he was influential was that he served during the time when America began a huge expansion West. He also was known for the spoils system, though in this case in a negative way. This system, also known as cronyism, gave important jobs to loyal supporters of Jackson's as well as the Democratic Party. He was also known for his opposition to the creation of a central bank, which is now known as the Federal Reserve.

## **Andrew Jackson Questions:**

1. What was Andrew Jackson's nickname and why did he get it?

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2. What was happening to America, geographically, during Jackson's tenure as President?

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3. What was the spoils system and why would it be seen negatively?

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4. What party was Jackson a member of and does it still exist today?

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**Andrew Jackson Answers:**

1. Old Hickory; because of his toughness
2. Expansion West
3. Given to well connected and friends; wasn't a fair system/democratic
4. Democratic; Yes