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Background: In 1830, Congress passed the Indian Removal Act, which gave president Andrew Jackson authority to negotiate removal terms with tribes of the American South. The biggest tribes (who had already lost much of their lands) were called the Five Civilized Tribes, including the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole.
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Background: The act was strongly supported by non-natives, many of whom wanted to settle on native lands. The idea that whites should populate the continent is called **manifest destiny**. Some Americans opposed the law, including many Christian missionaries who recognized the act as unfair and unjust.
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Background: Much of the populations of these tribes were forced to move to Indian Territory in what became Oklahoma. Many natives died along the way in what became known as the Trail of Tears.
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Follow along with this blank map to trace the movement of the Five Civilized Tribes after the 1830 Indian Removal Act.
Before you begin, select SEVEN (7) different colored pencils, crayons, highlighters, or markers. It does not matter which colors you use for each tribe or territory, as long as you know which is which... 😊
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Step 1: Outline *Oklahoma Territory* (which later became the state of Oklahoma)
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Step 2: Using a different color, outline *Indian Territory* within Oklahoma.
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Step 3: Using a new color, label and shade the *Choctaw territory* (c. 1830)
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Step 4: Trace the *journey* that brought the Choctaw to the new Indian Territory.
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Step 5: Label and shade the *new Choctaw territory* in Oklahoma (c. 1831)
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Step 6: Using a new color, label and shade the Seminole territory (c. 1830)
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Step 7: Trace the *journey* that brought the Seminole to the new Indian Territory.
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Step 8: Label and shade the *new Seminole territory* in Oklahoma (c. 1832)
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Step 9: Using a new color, label and shade the Creek territory (c. 1830)
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Step 10: Trace the *journey* that brought the Creek to the new Indian Territory.
Step 11: Label and shade the *new Creek territory* in Oklahoma (c. 1834)
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Step 12: Using a new color, label and shade the Chickasaw territory (c. 1830)
Step 13: Trace the *journey* that brought the Chickasaw to the new Indian Territory.
Step 14: Label and shade the new Chickasaw territory in Oklahoma (c. 1837).
Step 15: Using a new color, label and shade the Cherokee territory (c. 1830)
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Step 16: Trace the *journey* that brought the Cherokee to the new Indian Territory.
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Step 17: Label and shade the new Cherokee territory in Oklahoma (c. 1838)
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The finished product should look something like this…
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On the back of your map, write two sentences describing what happened. These two sentences should include at least four of the key terms listed below.

Key Terms:
- Andrew Jackson
- Indian Removal Act
- Manifest Destiny
- Five Civilized Tribes
- Oklahoma
- Indian Territory
- Trail of Tears