

Brinkley – Chapter 9 – Jacksonian America

1. How did Jackson's inauguration represent a change in American politics? Was the change for the better or for the worse? How was Jackson a new kind of president?
2. How did America become more democratic by 1828? In what ways was it still not democratic?
3. What observations did Alexis de Tocqueville make about America during the 1830s?
4. How did people's views of political parties change by the Jacksonian Era?
5. To what extent was Jackson a nationalist or a supporter of States' Rights? Consider the following – Nullification Crisis; Indian Removal; The Bank War
6. Explain Jackson's political philosophy. To what extent did Jackson's actions and policies advance the interests of the common man? Democracy?
7. Compare and contrast the Whigs and the Democrats.
8. How did the election of 1840 reflect the changes taking place in American politics?