

The Federalist Period vs. Jacksonian Democracy

The Federalist Period: 1790s



Image Analysis Questions

This painting shows President George Washington at a banquet.

- Describe the setting.
- Describe the characteristics of the people who ran the government during the Federal Period.

Song Analysis Questions

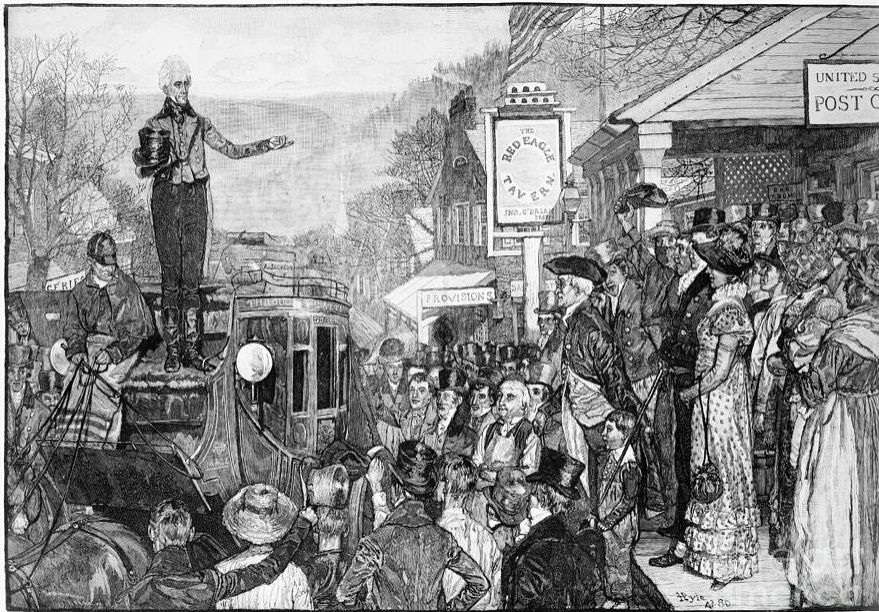
“The President’s March,” also known as “Hail Columbia,” was composed in 1789 for the first inauguration of George Washington.

- Predict the mood of the song.
- After listening, what three words might be used to describe the song?
- What can you infer about our first president based on this song?

Question

Write a test question about the Federalist period. (multiple choice or short response.)

The Jacksonian Era: 1820s to 1840s



POLITICS IN THE OLDEN TIME—GENERAL JACKSON, PRESIDENT-ELECT, ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON.—DRAWN BY HOWARD PAUL.

Image Analysis Questions

- Describe the setting of this painting that shows Andrew Jackson campaigning for president.
- What three words best describe Jackson and his supporters? Explain.

Song Analysis Questions

“The Hunters of Kentucky” was written for Andrew Jackson’s 1828 presidential campaign.

- Preview the song lyrics and clarify any unknown words to help your understanding of the song?

The Hunters of Kentucky.

Ye gentlemen and ladies fair, who grace this famous city,
Just listen, if you’ve time to spare, while I rehearse a ditty;
And for the opportunity conceive yourselves quite lucky,
For ’tis not often that you see a hunter from Kentucky.

Oh, Kentucky! The hunters of Kentucky.

I s’pose you’ve read it in the prints, how Pakenham attempted
To make old Hickory Jackson wince, but soon his schemes repented;
But Jackson he was wide awake, and wasn’t scared at trifles,
For well he knew what aim we take with our Kentucky rifles;

Oh, Kentucky! The hunters of Kentucky.

A bank was raised to hide our breast, not that we thought of dying,
But then we always like to rest unless the game is flying;
Behind it stood our little force, none wished it to be greater,
For every man was half a horse and half an alligator.

Oh, Kentucky! The hunters of Kentucky.

They found at last ’twas vain to fight, where lead was all their booty,
And so they wisely took to flight, and left us all our beauty,
And now if danger e’er annoys, remember what our trade is,
Just send for us Kentucky boys, and we’ll protect your ladies.

- After listening to the song, what words might be used to describe the song?
- What does the song tell you about President Andrew Jackson?

Question

Write a test questions that compares and contrasts the topics in this lesson and include the answer. (It needs to be more specific than “compare and contrast the Federalist and Jacksonian periods.”)