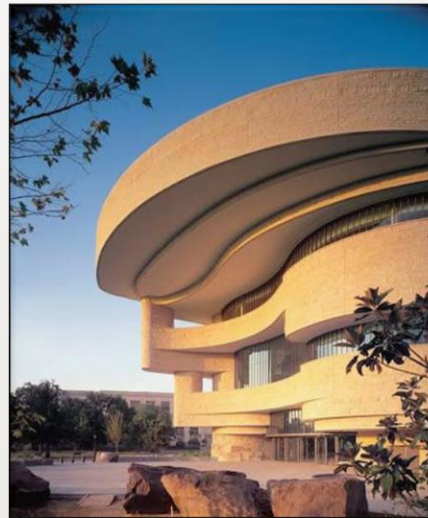
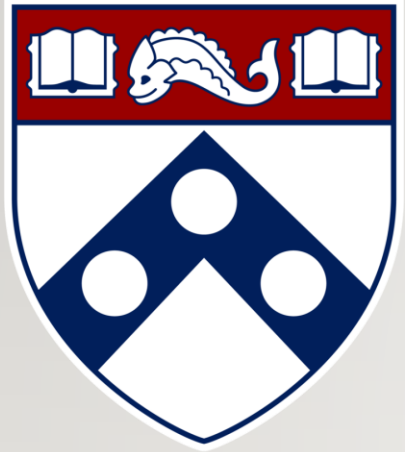


Broken Promises and Bright Futures: The Pros and Cons of a Representative Republic

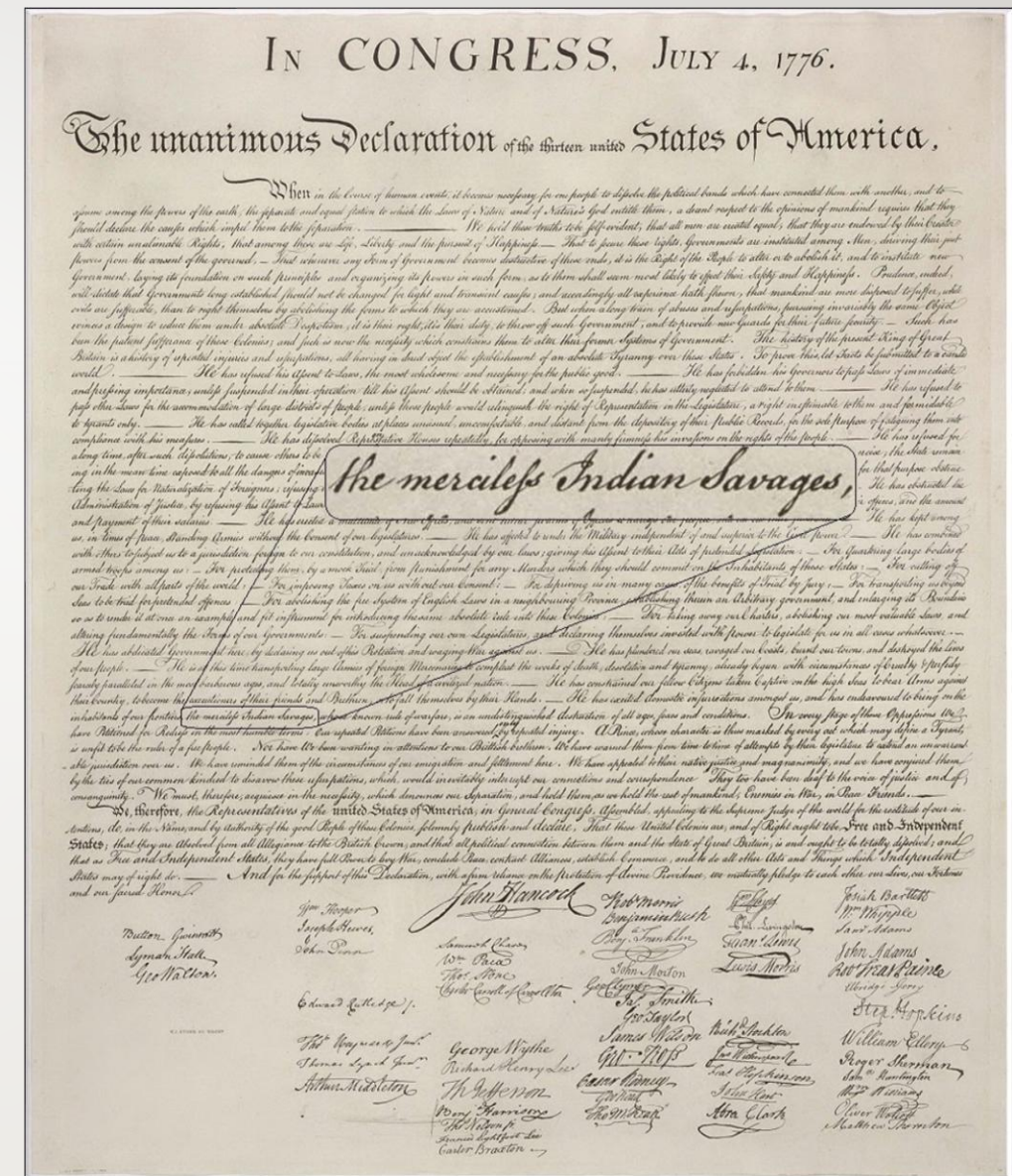
Kaden Thrasher (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma)
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About Me



Foundations of America's Representative Republic (1700s)

- Constitution inspiration from Native nations
- “Merciless Indian Savages”



Removal Without Representation (1830s-1890s)

INDIAN LAND FOR SALE

GET A HOME
OF
YOUR OWN
EASY PAYMENTS



PERFECT TITLE
POSSESSION
WITHIN
THIRTY DAYS

FINE LANDS IN THE WEST
IRRIGATED IRRIGABLE GRAZING AGRICULTURAL DRY FARMING

IN 1910 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SOLD UNDER SEALED BIDS ALLOTTED INDIAN LAND AS FOLLOWS:

Location	Acres	Average Price per Acre	Location	Acres	Average Price per Acre

Dawes Act of 1887

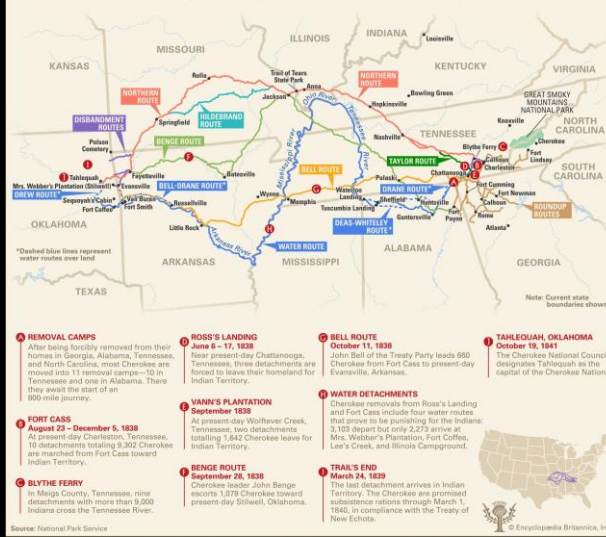
TRAIL OF TEARS

The forced relocation during the 1830s of Eastern Woodlands Indians of the Southeast region of the United States to Indian Territory west of the Mississippi River.

SUPPORTED BY U.S. PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON CONGRESS PASSED THE INDIAN REMOVAL ACT OF 1830

MAJOR TRIBAL NATIONS

5045 MILES OF TRAILS OVER LAND AND WATER



Trail of Tears (1830s)

PRODUCTS WILL PAY FOR LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS!

MILLIONS OF ACRES

View on the Big Blue, between Camden and Crete, representing Valley and Rolling Prairie Land in Nebraska.



IOWA AND NEBRASKA

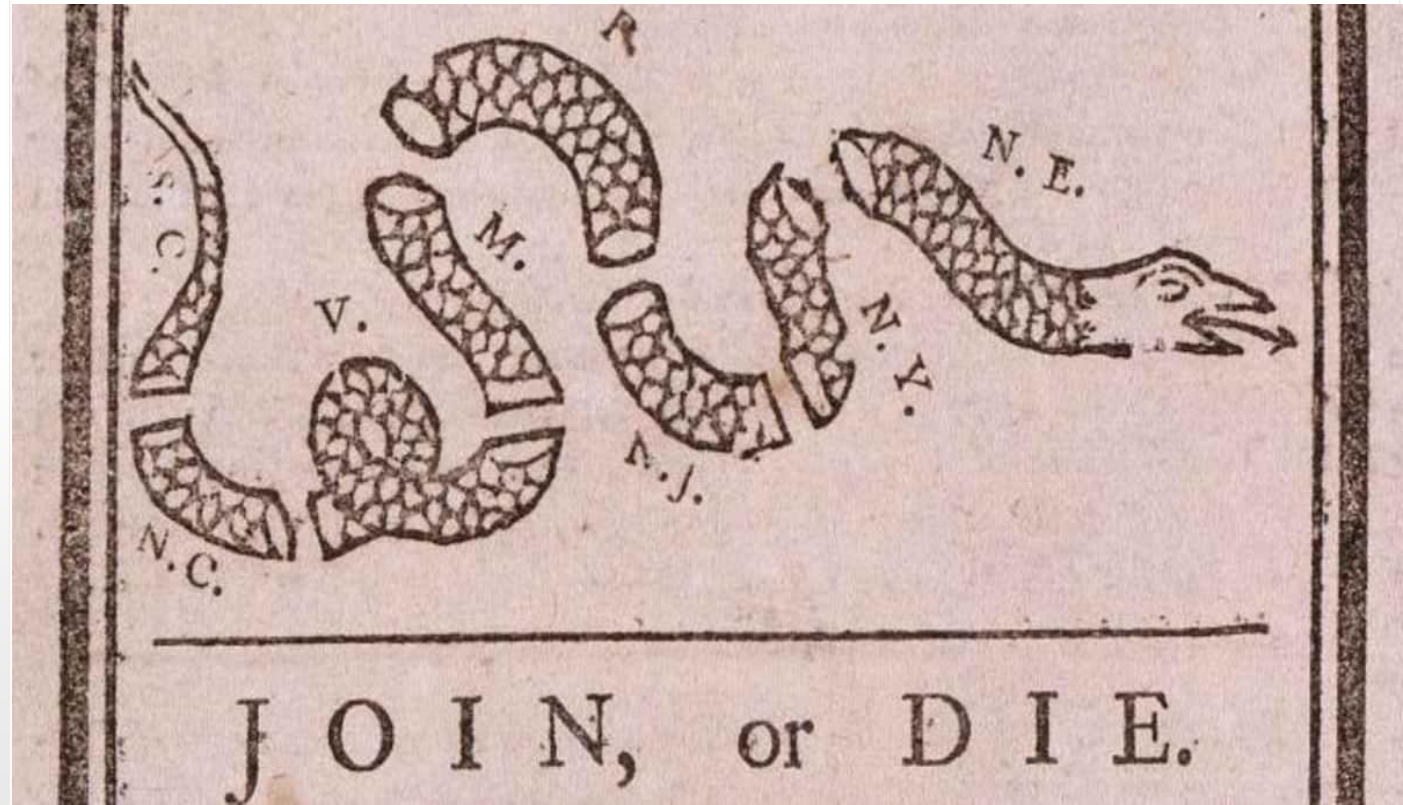
Homestead Act (1862)

"John Marshall has made his decision; now let him **enforce it.**"

- ANDREW JACKSON, APOCRYPHAL QUOTE

“A republic, if
you can keep it”

- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



A Republic, If You Can Assimilate (1870s-1960s)



Wheeler Howard Act (1934)



Indian Boarding Schools (1870s-1960s)

“...another means of imposing white institutions”

- VINE DELORIA JR. AND CLIFFORD LYTTLE,
AMERICAN INDIANS, AMERICAN JUSTICE, 1983

"Kill the Indian, and save the man"

- RICHARD HENRY PRATT,
CARLISE INDIAN SCHOOL FOUNDER

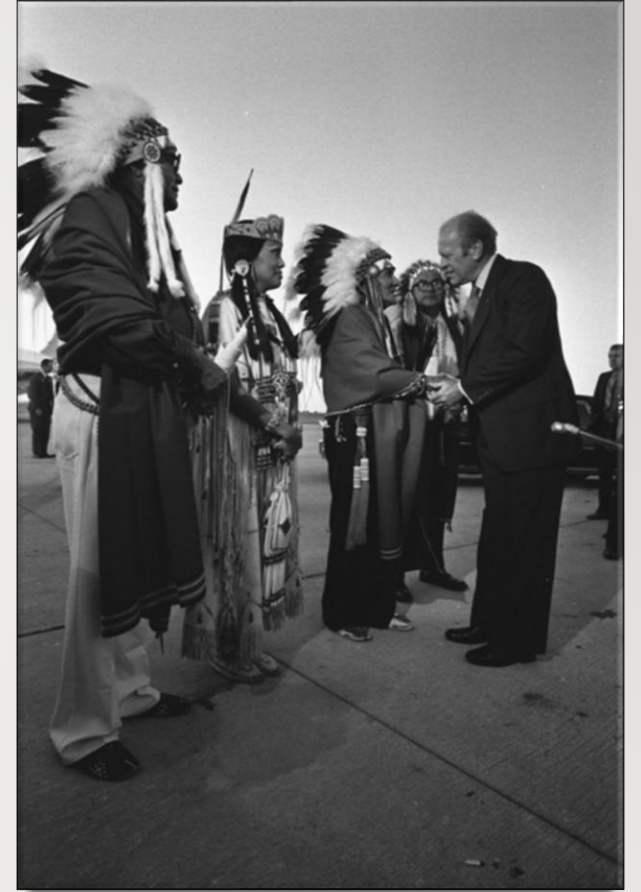
A Republic that Represents Us (1960s-Present)



JFK with Tribal Leaders (1961-63)



George W. Bush with Joe Medicine Crow (2009)



Gerald Ford with Tribal Leaders (1976)

Modern Day Interactions with Representative Republic

