**Second Great Awakening**

1. Time period
2. 1820’s and 1830’s
3. Definition
4. Religious movement in which millions of people were converted to a new form of Christianity through “revivals”
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6. a.k.a. “revival meetings”
7. Revivals are large, religious gatherings which last (sometimes) for multiple days
8. Traveling preachers would arrive, set up big, white tents for churches, stages for pulpits, and preach for hours on end
9. HIGHLY emotional -- listeners were often moved to sing, shout, cry, even faint
10. Most converts were female (some estimate up to 3/5)
11. Cause of the Second Great Awakening
12. *Old teaching*: God had pre-determined who was/wasn’t going to Heaven
13. *New teaching*: people could “earn” a spot in Heaven through “good works”
14. Effects
15. Church attendance soared in America
16. Led to the Era of Reform – people wanted to do their part (their “good works”) before the second coming of Jesus Christ