**Andrew Jackson: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly…**

1. **Good**
2. Raised in poverty, so he was sympathetic to the needs of the “little man” (the poor, the working class, the uneducated)
3. Fought in the Revolutionary War
4. prisoner of war at age 13
5. received scars from standing up to British general
6. Fought in the War of 1812
7. rank of general
8. hero for his leadership at the Battle of New Orleans

* most lopsided battle of the war
* lost only 20 U.S. soldiers
* British lost 2000 soldiers

1. Responsible for the addition of large chunks of the United States as we know it
2. Great military leader – nicknamed “Old Hickory” for his toughness
3. Became President of the United States in 1828
4. Image on the $20 bill
5. Strong patriot
6. Adopted an orphaned Native American boy
7. **Bad**
8. Had a short temper and loved to fight – had a bullet lodged next to his heart as a result of a duel (could never be removed)
9. Fought in 13 duels, killing one person
10. Injured so frequently in duels that he supposedly “rattled like a bag of marbles”
11. Known for his wild lifestyle (gambling, fighting, etc.)
12. Killed a man over a gambling debt
13. Threatened to kill his vice president, John C. Calhoun
14. Ruthless in battle – nicknamed “Sharp Knife” by Native Americans
15. Led an unauthorized invasion of Florida – nearly threw the U.S. into war with Spain
16. Gave government jobs to his buddies and political supporters rather than those most qualified (“Kitchen Cabinet”)
17. **Ugly**
18. Was a racist (especially hated Native Americans)
19. Openly defiant -- first and only president to disregard a Supreme Court ruling
20. Indian Removal Act (1830) – used military to forcibly remove and relocate about 50,000 Native Americans (all for land, gold and cotton)
21. Trail of Tears

* 12,000 Choctaw Indians were marched, abused, and treated inhumanely, resulting in about 2000-4000 deaths
* 20,000 Creek forcibly moved (about 3500 died)
* 17,000 Cherokee forcibly moved (about 4000 died)
* 4,000 Chickasaw forcibly moved (about 500 died)
* 3,000 Seminole forcibly moved (about 700 died fighting)

1. Owned over 100 black Americans as slaves