

Chapter 10 Study Questions

1. How did the concept of democracy change in the 1820s and 1830s? How did the theoretical “democratic leveling” of the time conflict with economic reality?
2. How did the concept of universal manhood suffrage expand in the 1820s/1830s?
3. Describe the controversy surrounding the election of 1824. Why did Andrew Jackson believe that a “corrupt bargain” had occurred?
4. How did the election of 1828 change American politics?
5. What was Andrew Jackson’s policy regarding Native Americans? What were the results of this policy? How did he defy the Supreme Court?
6. How did the nullification crisis reflect the growing struggle between the state and federal government? (Be sure that you have a strong understanding of the details of this event)
7. Why was Jackson, along with many others, against the National Bank? How did Jackson ultimately “kill” the bank?
8. Why did the Whig party form? Describe their political ideology.
9. Why did Martin van Buren believe the two-party system was vital to American democracy?