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Georgia's Beginnings Study Guide

Creek, Cherokee, and Sequoyah

Test Date: _____

Students need to know ways the Creek and Cherokee are alike and different:

Both tribes:

- grew their own food
- hunted and fished
- used plants for medicine
- used tools made of wood and other items found in nature
- used materials from nature to build their homes
- traveled on foot and by canoe
- used animals for food and clothing
- built villages with a central meeting place
- made rules and laws like the English settlers

Creek

- lived in most of what is now Georgia
- built one home
- forced to give up land after fighting among their own people started a war

Cherokee

- lived in small northeastern area of what is now Georgia
- built two homes- one for cold weather and one for hot weather
- New Echota was the capital of the Cherokee's new government
- had their own alphabet or Syllabary
- printed their own newspaper the "Cherokee Phoenix"
- forced to give up land after gold was found on it

The students need to be able to list two ways they are like the Creek/Cherokee People and two ways they are different than the Creek/Cherokee People.

I am like them because I. _____ 2. _____

I am different because I. _____ 2. _____

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The students need to know Sequoyah's important contributions to the Cherokee People.

- Sequoyah had a trading post where he showed **compassion** by allowing people to pay later if they did not have money.
- Sequoyah created the Cherokee Alphabet or Syllabary.
- He showed **patience** because he had to work on it for many years.
- Sequoyah traveled from village to village to teach his alphabet to the Cherokee people.
- The alphabet was important because the Cherokee were able to write down their stories instead of just keeping them in their heads.

Students need to know about the Trail of Tears

- Creek and Cherokee forced off land
- forced to walk hundreds of miles to what is now Oklahoma
- many became sick and died