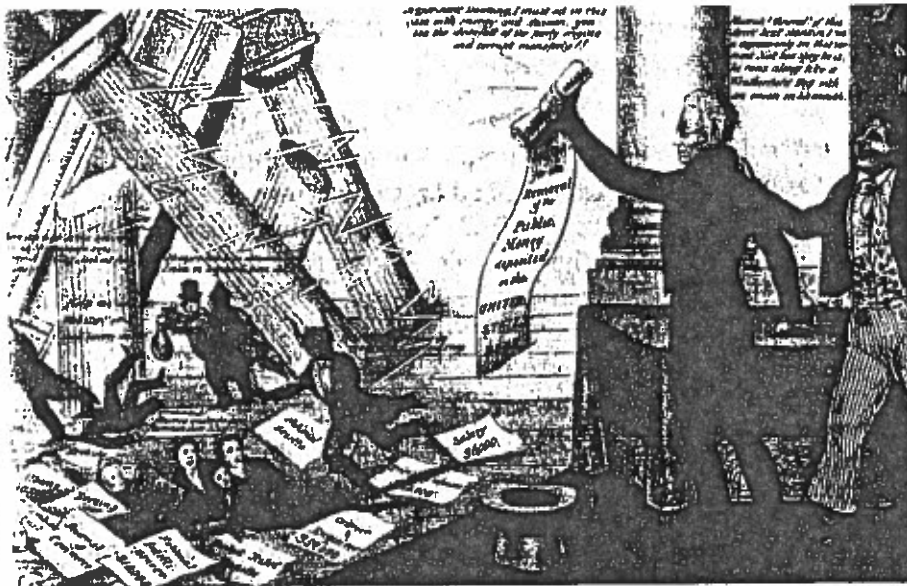


Analyzing Political Cartoons

Political cartoons are cartoons that use humor to make a serious point. Analyzing political cartoons means that you have to decode symbols, pictures, and phrases to understand the cartoon's message. Andrew Jackson, with his shock of white hair and fiery spirit, was easy to portray.

Study this cartoon and answer the questions that follow.



- List three or more words that describe how Andrew Jackson looks. _____

- What is Jackson holding? _____
- What is happening to the pillars of the bank? _____
- The man standing behind Jackson holding his hat represents the public. What is his reaction to what he sees?

- What is the cartoonist's opinion of Jackson's conflict with the bank? Use examples from the cartoon to support your opinion.

Chapter 12, Section 3 Reading Guide: Prosperity and Panic (pgs. 409 – 413)

1. Read blue “Primary Source” (409). Using one sentence and in your own words, according to Martin Van Buren, what should be the role of government in a financial (economic – money) crisis?
2. Name the Philadelphian who was President of the 2nd Bank of the United States (BUS)?
3. Why might Jackson think that the bank was corrupt? (Hint: Look at total paragraph.)
4. The BUS was popular among bankers and businessmen. What does Biddle do in 1832?
5. Did Congress renew the charter? What did Jackson do? Why?
6. **Think:** How does Jackson’s action tie in to the Jacksonian idea (398) of “stronger executive branch”? (Hint: What did the Supreme Court do in a previous case about the BUS?)
7. What action(s) does Jackson take to destroy the BUS?
8. An increase in prices and a decrease in the value of money is called _____. What did banks do to cause this money/financial problem?
9. To counter inflation, Congress passed a law (that Jackson wanted) which required people to pay for public land in specie. What is specie? (Use your reading ability as it is inferred in the book.)
10. Who won the election of 1836? (The loser was William Henry Harrison.)
11. New research has shown that there was a shortage of silver in the US. This led to the _____ of 1837 which was a type of _____ in which there is a severe economic slump.
12. What were the “personal” effects of the depression?
- 13a. What was the name of the new political party that sprang up in opposition to “King Andrew”? Who were its leaders?
- 13b. Who were its candidates in 1840? President: _____ Vice-Pres.: _____
- 13c. Look up the Election of 1840 or its presidential candidates. What famous slogan was used?
14. **Observe and think:** How did the Whig Party mimic the Andrew Jackson campaign of 1828 in its election campaign of 1840?