

Chapter 5: The Age of Jackson Discussion Questions

1. Name several reasons why Memphis was an important travel/shipping hub.
2. Why did East Tennessee have more issues with transportation than Middle and West Tennessee? How could these issues influence anti-slavery sentiment in East Tennessee?
3. What new job opportunities were created in Tennessee during this time?
4. Jackson referred to the election of 1824 as a "Corrupt Bargain." Why was this election considered controversial?
5. Analyze the "King Andrew" political cartoon and consider the following questions.
 - a. What do you think the author was trying to say?
 - b. What political party do you think the author belonged to?
 - c. How might Jackson supporters see the cartoon?
 - d. How might a foreigner view the United States after seeing this cartoon? If they wanted to come to America to escape overreaching government, would this cartoon change their mind?
6. When and how did Tennessee earn the nickname "Volunteer State"?
7. How did the idea of Manifest Destiny affect the following:
 - a. Indian removal
 - b. Slavery