

Understanding Chronology

Name: _____ Group: _____

From early colonial times on, newcomers believed they had the right to claim land wherever American Indians lived. Europeans had been in conflict with the Cherokees since the 1600s, when English colonists came to Virginia. For more than 50 years after the American Revolution, the Cherokee Nation struggles with the more powerful nation in which it existed – the United States.

Place these six sentences about the conflict in Chronological order by numbering them from 1-6. Then answer the questions. **On the back of this paper, make a timeline and draw an illustration each event.**

___ Congress passed the Indian Removal Act.

___ The Cherokees were allies of the United States in the War of 1812.

___ Some Cherokees leaders signed the Treaty of New Echota.

___ The Cherokees occupied a reduced homeland after the American Revolution.

___ The Cherokees were forced to leave their homeland and go to Indian Territory.

___ Gold was discovered on Cherokee land.

In the conflict between the Cherokee and the United States, what did the Cherokees want to achieve?

What did the U.S. government want to achieve?