

**APUSH
INSTRUCTOR: MR. MCCORMICK
JACKSONIAN DEMOCRACY PROJECT**

Please prepare a paper of 5 - 8 pages answering the following question. The inclusion of a concise thesis statement, organization, clarity and completeness will be considered in grading the content of your paper. One point out of one-hundred will be deducted for every structural error committed. Content will also be graded on the one-hundred point scale. The two grades will be averaged to determine the final grade for your paper. Double-spaced typing is required. Use no larger than twelve-point font style. Late papers will not be accepted.

Robert Remini's The Legacy of Andrew Jackson

A. Required Question:

Beginning in the 1820s, a powerful movement celebrating the common person and promoting the "New Democracy" transformed the earlier elitist character of American politics. Controversies over Indian policy, economics and slavery in particular drew millions of ordinary people into political activity, where they soon cast aside the restraints against complete popular democracy. The controversial election of the Yankee sophisticate John Quincy Adams in 1824 angered the followers of Andrew Jackson. Adams's nationalistic policies stirred up sectional opposition in the West, while the "Tariff of Abominations" caused bitter protest in the South. Andrew Jackson's sweeping presidential victory in 1828 represented the political triumph of the New Democracy, including the spoils-rich political machines that thrived in the new environment. Jackson's simple, popular ideas and rough-hewn style reinforced the growing belief that any ordinary person could participate in politics and hold public office (Native Americans, women and African-Americans excepted). Keeping these ideas in mind please answer the following question:

Do you agree with Robert Remini's argument in The Legacy of Andrew Jackson that Jackson's policies toward slavery and Indian removal do not undermine the claim that he was a great champion of democracy? Why or why not?

B. Additional Notes:

Use short quotes and paraphrases to prove your argument. You may use other sources but do not include large block quotes from the authors being examined. There is no need for footnotes or bibliography (unless you use another source). Page numbers should be cited. This can be done in parenthesis in the text, e.g. (Remini, p. 22); (Turner, p. 76). Please also provide a cover page including title, course title, instructor name, your name and date. See me if you need assistance.