As a result of the Indian Removal Act of 1830, Native Americans were forced to leave their homelands and move farther west. What point does this political cartoon make about President Andrew Jackson’s Native American policy?

Discussion Questions

1. How does this political cartoon depict President Jackson?
2. How are Native Americans depicted in this cartoon?
3. Do you agree with the cartoonist’s viewpoint? Why or why not? Cite reasons and examples from your textbook.
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Possible responses:

1. Jackson is satirically depicted as a kindly father figure.

2. The Native Americans are depicted as children or dolls.

3. Students who agree may cite Jackson’s attitude toward the Indian Removal Act; his actions toward the Chocotaw, Sauk, Fox, Chickasaw; and his refusal to abide by the Supreme Court’s decision about the Cherokee. Those who disagree may point out that the cartoonist depicts a benign, peaceful scene; they may feel that Jackson’s policy should be depicted as more demeaning, brutal, and cruel.