

# Process Paper

I had trouble choosing a topic I liked that fit the theme. I started with Tesla vs. Edison, then moved to the American Disability Act, and then to the Seminole Wars. From the topic the Seminole Wars, I decided to focus in on Andrew Jackson in Pensacola. This was because Andrew Jackson in Pensacola would be a local topic, which I most always do. After further research I decided to focus in on Andrew Jackson and the American Indians.

I first started researching my topic by taking trips to the UWF Library. I took notes with the books I checked out, then returned them and checked out another set. I took a local tour which focused on Andrew Jackson conquering Pensacola twice and becoming Florida's first Governor. This tour was narrated by Wesley Odom, author of *The Longest Siege of the American Revolution: Pensacola*. I later interviewed Wesley Odom as part of my research. The interview gave me a different perspective of Jackson's actions. After regional competition, one of the judges suggested I interview her because she is a member of the local Creek tribe, so I did. I got another perspective from the interview that was not in any of my previous sources, the perspective of the Creeks. Soon, I set up an interview with Dr. Steve Belko, a UWF professor of history. My interview with him helped me get more facts that were not distorted by opinion.

I decided to do an Individual Website because I did not want to have to agree on everything with a group member and I find making a website more exciting than any of the other options. I decided to lay out my website with the thesis tab first, then the timeline tab, then the information tabs in chronological order, then my conclusion tab, and finally my bibliography and process paper tab. When I first started making my website, I started with my thesis. This was because, when I made my website last year, I figured out that your thesis will help you keep you research and project on track and on topic. Next I made my timeline, this was because having a timeline helps me understand how one event led to another. Then I made all my other pages.

My topic relates to the NHD theme, "Rights and Responsibilities," because Andrew Jackson responsibly protected his nation from the savage Red Stick Indians from the settlers point of view, but from the American Indians point of view, he took away the rights of all the Indians in the South East, even though many of them had allied with him and fought on his side. Also, the American Settlers at that time thought Jackson was responsibly growing their nation and getting them land to live on and plant on. But the American Indians saw it from a different side, they saw it as Andrew Jackson stealing rightfully owned land from people who some of which had even fought for him.