

## Andrew Jackson WebQuest

**WebQuest Description:** This is a WebQuest for Middle School Social Studies classes on Andrew Jackson. This WebQuest is best for students in small groups of 2-4 students. Once in groups, the students will be creating brochures about Andrew Jackson for the Nashville Tourist Center. They will use the Internet to discover information about Andrew Jackson, and will use Microsoft Word to create a 3 page information brochure about him and his home, The Hermitage.

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### Teacher Page

**Learning Objective:** By the end of this WebQuest, the student will be able to create an informative brochure which creatively portrays the life of Andrew Jackson. By using a program like Microsoft Word to create their brochures, the children start with a blank slate, and as a group will create a visually enticing, 3 page brochure about an important American President. Not only will the students be surfing the web and learning about Andrew Jackson and his home The Hermitage, they will get to see what he and his home look like through photos and timelines. This WebQuest presents the students with a unique challenge to learn, create, and design, letting their creative juices flow! Curriculum Standard: Tennessee 8th Grade Social Studies Level 3-Content Standard 5.08.5.17c-Study the impact of Tennessee's History made by individuals Resources Shelby County Curriculum Standards 8th Grade Social Studies [http://www.state.tn.us/education/ci/ss/doc/SS\\_Grade\\_8.pdf](http://www.state.tn.us/education/ci/ss/doc/SS_Grade_8.pdf) Andrew Jackson Free Stock

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**Standards**

**Credits**

**Other**

### Introduction

A recent fire broke out at the Nashville Tourist Center and as a result all of the brochures about important Tennessee politicians have been burned. The city of Nashville has asked the students of Tennessee Middle School to help create new brochures about one of Tennessee's most famous politicians. For this assignment, the class has been divided into groups of four and you will be making a tourist brochure about Andrew Jackson, a famous Tennessee politician who served as the seventh President of the United States. Once completed, your brochures will be on display at the Nashville Tourist Center. Make sure that your brochure's cover makes the tourist want to pick it up by using bright and enticing colors! Also, be sure to check for any spelling or grammatical errors. As well as learning about Andrew Jackson, you will be visiting a website all about Andrew Jackson's home, The Hermitage. Part of your brochure will be attempting to get tourists to read your brochure to make them want to visit this historic home in Tennessee.

### Tasks

Throughout this task, you will be creating a stunning brochure letting tourist in Nashville, TN know all about Andrew Jackson and his famous home, The Hermitage. You will be using Microsoft Word to create a 3 page brochure on Andrew Jackson and his home, The Hermitage, that will be presented at the Nashville Tourist Center. You will be learning interesting facts about Andrew Jackson the man, the politician, and the husband. You will be using the Internet to find these facts about Andrew Jackson via provided links. You will be working as a team to make the best possible brochure to make people want to learn more about Andrew Jackson and his home. The ultimate goal of the brochure is to get the reader to want to visit The Hermitage. You will be copying and pasting images from multiple websites to use in your groups brochure. You will be experimenting with colors, fonts, images, and texts with Microsoft Word to create your brochures.

### Process

To create your Andrew Jackson Brochure, click the Microsoft Word icon on your computer desktop. As a group, you will be making a 3 page brochure about Andrew Jackson. Please use the following links for information and photos about Andrew

Jackson and his home, The Hermitage. Andrew Jackson Stock Photos -&nbsp;&nbsp; Once you click the link you can search for "Andrew Jackson" or "The Hermitage" Andrew Jackson Information&nbsp;- Read through this information to find interesting facts about Andrew Jackson for your brochure Andrew Jackson The President&nbsp;- Read all about information on&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Andrew Jackson on The White House Website Andrew Jackson's Home, The Hermitage&nbsp;- Here is a great Website with information and photos of The Hermitage.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;PAGE 1-This is the first page of your brochure, so it should attract attention with bright colors or an interesting photo.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Make sure that the name Andrew Jackson is written in large font so that when tourist are looking through all the brochures at the Nashville Tourist Center, that yours jumps out at them. The first page should include at least 3 interesting facts about Andrew Jackson that you can find in the links provided on this page. This page should feature at least one large photo, and a tagline about who Andrew Jackson was that will make readers want to pick up this brochure. PAGE 2-The second page of your brochure should give us 15 fascinating facts about Andrew Jackson. These 15 facts should include information about&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Andrew Jackson's political career,&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;social and family&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;life, where he lived, and what years he lived.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Pick a creative title for this page!&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Do not&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;just call it "Andrew Jackson Facts".&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Make the reader curious by using an interesting title.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Also make sure&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;that the title font size&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;is a larger font size than the facts you list. Please include at least one photo, and 15 interesting facts that are left aligned with bullets.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Also, when listing your 15 facts, use your own words to make the facts sound cool and inspiring! Please don't cut and paste the facts, I want your own words here. PAGE 3-The last page is all&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;about The Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's home in Tennessee. Click the link above&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;entitled, The Hermitage,&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;and read all about Andrew Jackson's historic home. Name this page "The Hermitage" with the title centered on the top of the page. Find at least&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;2 photos of the Hermitage at the Website&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;provided and include the images on the page.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;I have contacted the Hermitage and they have given us their permission to use their photo's in our brochure. Write a short&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;paragraph about the Hermitage&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;that would make tourist want to go there.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Do not just cut and paste information from the Website, write it as a group.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;In this paragraph, be sure sure to list the things you found on The Hermitage Website that would make you want to visit it!&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;This way when someone reads your brochure they will also want to visit The Hermitage. At the bottom of the page 3 make a list of all the people in your group in alphabetical order by last name including your first and last names.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Please center the names at the bottom.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;

## Evaluation

Category and Score	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent	Score
PAGE 1	There is a small title or no title on the page. There is no photo or an incorrect photo. There is less than 3 facts or no facts about Andrew Jackson listed. There is no tagline or an incorrect tagline on the page.	The title is clear and easy to read with an average photo of Andrew Jackson. Some facts are on the page. There is a short tagline on the brochure.	The title is clear and easy to read with a nice large and enticing photo of Andrew Jackson. The 3 facts are semi-important. There is a basic tagline that makes me want to read this brochure.	The title is clear and easy to read with a nice large and enticing photo of Andrew Jackson. The 3 facts are interesting and very important facts about Andrew Jackson. There is a creative tagline that makes me want to read this brochure.	20
PAGE 2	There is no title on the page. There are less than 15 facts about Andrew Jackson. The facts are copied and not in the author's own words. There is no photo.	There is a generic title not centered on the page. There are 15 facts about Andrew Jackson but they are copied and not in the author's own words. There is an average photo on the page.	There is a generic title centered on the page. There are 15 facts about Andrew Jackson and some are copied and some are in the author's own words. There is a photo on the page.	There is a creative and enticing title that is centered on the page. There are 15 interesting facts about Andrew Jackson in the author's own words. There is an interesting well placed photo on the page.	35
PAGE 3	There is no title on the page. There are no photos on the page. There is not a full paragraph about The Hermitage. The address and the Website of the Hermitage are not listed. The authors' names are not listed.	There is a title but it is not centered on the page. There is only 1 photo on the page. There is not a full paragraph about The Hermitage. The address of the Hermitage is listed but not the Website of vice versa. The authors' names are listed but are not in alphabetical order.	There is a title but it is not centered on the page. There are 2 average photos on the page. There is a full semi-interesting paragraph about The Hermitage. The address and Website of the Hermitage are listed. The authors' names are listed but are not in alphabetical order.	There is a title called "The Hermitage" that is centered on the page. There are 2 enticing photos of the Hermitage on the page. There is a full very interesting paragraph about The Hermitage. The address and website of the Hermitage are listed. The authors' names are listed in alphabetical order.	35
Overall Design	The colors are bland, photos were missing, and the brochure was below average.	The colors were plain, adequate photos, and the brochure was average.	The colors were nice, photos were nice, and the brochure was good.	The colors were bold and enticing, the photos drew in the reader, and the brochure was excellent!	10
				Total Score	100

## Conclusion

Now that your brochures are complete, everyone should have a clear understanding about who Andrew Jackson was, and how influential he was in the state of Tennessee. The Nashville Tourist Center is looking forward to the beautiful brochures for all the tourists that will be coming in. Each of you have learned how to surf the Web for facts, create a colorful and exciting brochure via Microsoft Word, and how to create an exciting paragraph to lure in perspective visitors to a historical site. I hope that everyone has enjoyed learning about Andrew Jackson and the Hermitage. If you would like to learn more information about this topic, click the following links. [PBS Andrew Jackson Documentary](#) [The Papers of Andrew Jackson](#)