Could You Survive the Trail of Tears?
Worksheet

Tribal Information: (7 pts)

1. Which part of the country did your tribe live? (1 pt)

2. What were the roles of women, men, and children in your tribe? (1.5 pts)

3. What were some of the rituals/customs of your tribe? (2 pt)

4. How is your tribe’s leadership organized? (1 pt)

5. What kind of housing, clothing, and food were specific to your tribe? (1.5 pts)

Native American Name: (2 pts)

1. What is your Native name(s)? (1 pt)

2. What does your Native name mean? (1 pt)
Indian Removal Act: (7 pts)

1. Why were natives being forced from their land? (2 pt)

2. In 1831, the Supreme Court handed down a decision about the forcible movement of natives. What did they say? (2 pts)

3. What powers did the Indian Removal Act of 1830 give President Jackson? (2 pts)

4. Why did the Americans want the natives to move west of the Mississippi River? (1 pt)

Trail Survival: (14 pts)

1. What types of foods might you have eaten while traveling along the Trail? (2 pts)

2. What would the conditions have been like on the trip? Explain using at least 3 details. (3 pts)
3. What was the water route like? Land? Which sounds easier? Why? (4 pts)

4. Many of the natives suffered from exhaustion. What is exhaustion? Why can it be dangerous and even deadly? (3 pts)

5. Explain what the trip was like for Samuel Cloud. (2 pts)

Write your paragraph for Task 5 on a separate sheet of lined paper. (5 points)