

History of the United States of America

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Why did President Andrew Jackson sign the Indian Removal Act for the exchange of land? Elaborate with rational arguments

1. Introduction

Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act in exchange of land because of number of reasons. His strong belief in manifest destiny, his will to resolve native American conflict, economic interests, and desire for gaining popular support all motivated him to sign the Indian Removal. Though, he was willful of resolving native American dispute, but his aggressive mindset and the situation drove the fate of Red Indians differently. Besides, he was of the opinion to unite natives with settlers, but at some point he was more influenced with expelling them instead of integrating them. Lastly, the state's rights were in conflict with federal - which again overwhelmingly made him sign the Indian removal.

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2. Elaborating with rational arguments the reasons

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for sanctioning of Indian removal act by Andrew Jackson. President

Following are some vigilant arguments which illustrate president Jackson's motivation behind signing of Indian removal act.

2.1 Manifest destiny :

Andrew Jackson was a strong believer in American nationalism of America, and had a wild fantasy of manifest destiny; which aimed at expanding geographic boundaries of America. It strongly made him sign the Indian removal in order to expell the red Indians - Native Americans.

2.2, willful of resolving native Americans dispute

Andrew Jackson's military profile, he was cognizant of resolving a dispute. Thus, he pioneered resolving the dispute of native American. However, it did not fetch fruit, and he had no option left but to

Sign the Indian removal.

2.3, Economic opportunity

The land where native Americans resided was of prominent importance due to its fertility and revenue generation capacity. Andrew Jackson was keen to exploit the land and utilize it for the economic prosperity of United States. Therefore, he found it sound enough a reason to validate Indian removal act.

2.4, Populist measure: an attempt to secure his political ground

Andrew Jackson wanted his support base to expand. In order to do so, he wanted to send a message across States of his governance, patriotism and nationalism. The ulterior motive behind the signing of Indian removal was to pacify settlers and his voters of his efficient and patriot

governance. Thus, he ended up signing the Indian removal act.

2.5, Failed attempt of uniting natives with settlers

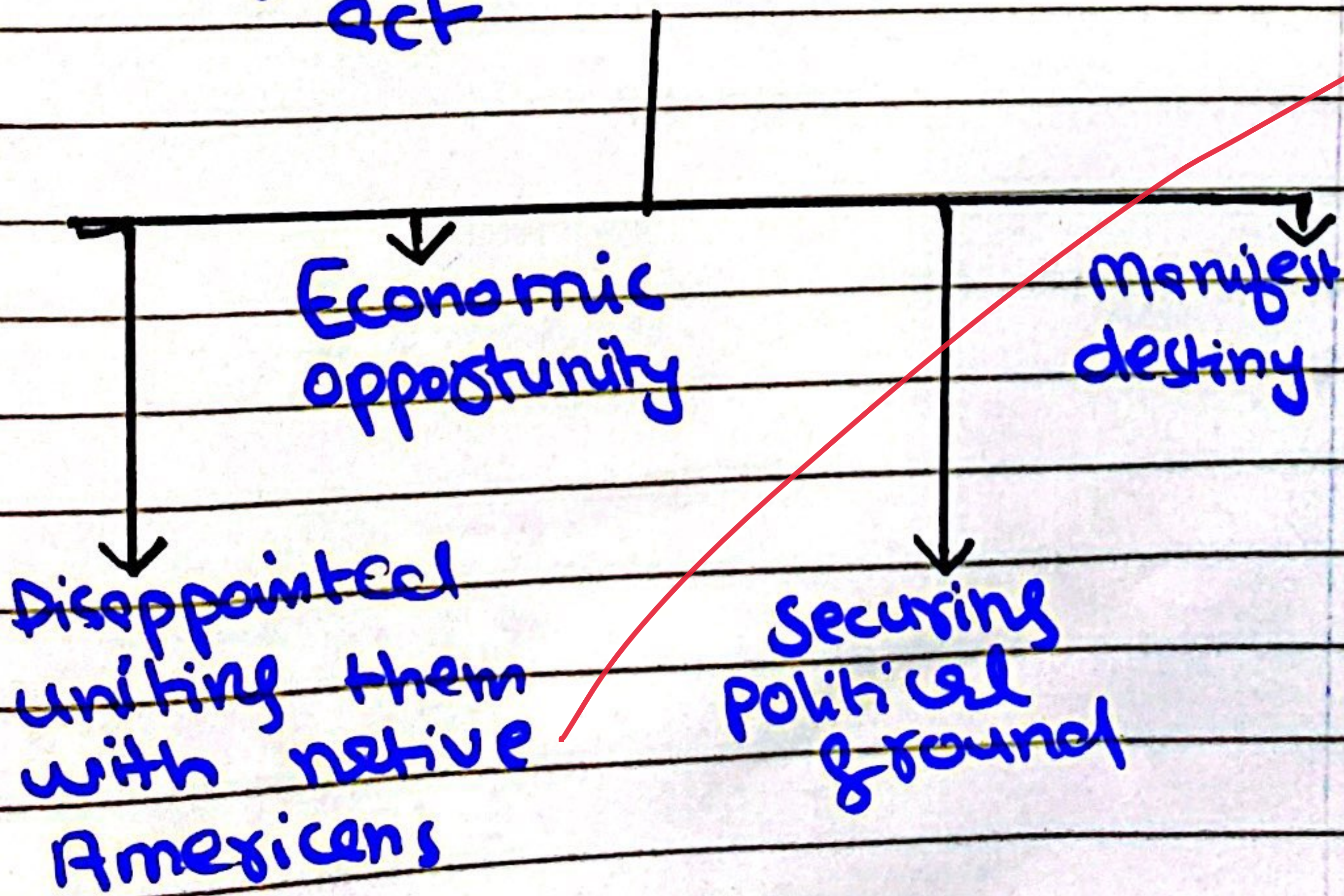
In the past, Andrew Jackson had attempted to unite native Americans with settlers.

He was of the opinion that their intellect and literacy would improve in the coexistence of both.

However, it did not gain currency and resulted in a failed attempt - leaving Jackson with no option

but to sign Indian removal.

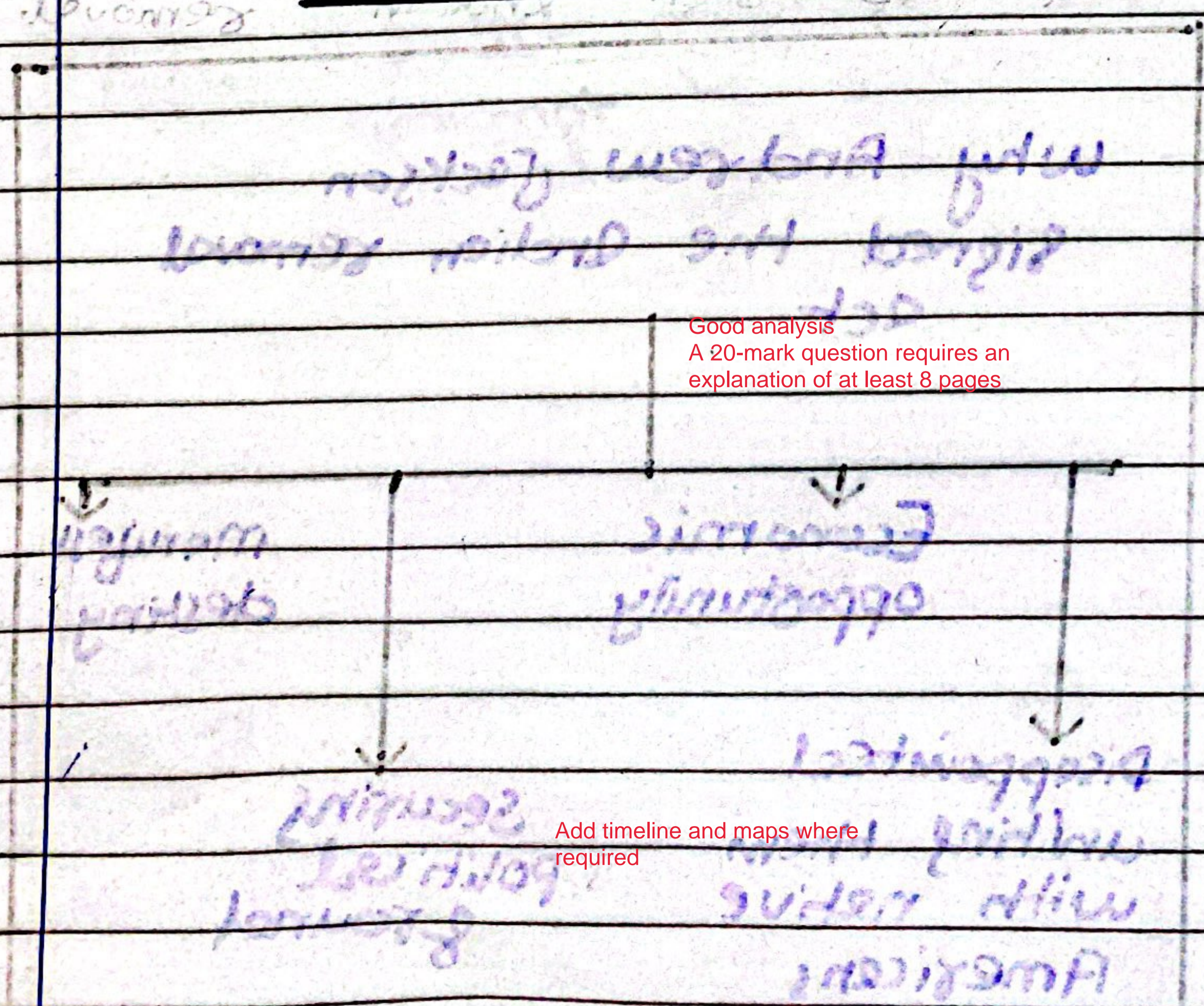
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3, Conclusion

Reasons for validation of Indian removal act by President Andrew Jackson were following, 2.5

The economic interests, strong influence of manifest destiny, and an attempt to secure his political ground and to outnumber his opposition leaders. The sanctioning of Indian removal was further motivated by his failed attempts of uniting them and resolving their dispute. It left President Jackson with no option, but to sign the Indian removal.



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