Begin by previewing the Trail of Tears Association website (http://www.nationaltota.org/) and the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail: Stories website (http://www.nps.gov/trte/historyculture/stories.htm).

Why do you believe the Cherokee people were asked to leave their land?

Begin skimming the "The Story" section of the Trail of Tears Association website (http://www.nationaltota.org/the-story/).

How did the Cherokee people fight the Indian Removal Act of 1830?

What did the Supreme Court rule in the case Worcester v. Georgia?
Carefully read the text under the heading The Roundup and Trail of Tears in "The Story" section of the Trail of Tears Association website. Next, carefully read the text under "Many Days Pass and People Die Very Much" in the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail: Stories website.

How did the United States government finally arrange to remove the Cherokee people?

Stop and think.

Do you believe the government's actions to remove the Cherokee were corrupt (dishonest)? Why or why not?
Finish reading both websites.

Under what conditions were the Cherokee forced to leave their homes?

What type of shelter and provision did the government provide the Cherokee?

Approximately how many Cherokee died during the relocation?

How does studying this episode of American history make you feel?