

The Age of Jackson

Vocabulary Builder

Section 1

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

1. Meetings to select the party's presidential and vice presidential candidates are called _____. (**Kitchen Cabinets/nominating conventions**)
2. Secretary of State _____ was one of President Andrew Jackson's strongest allies in his official cabinet. (**John C. Calhoun/Martin Van Buren**)
3. The South Carolina senator that Andrew Jackson chose to be his vice presidential running mate was _____. (**John C. Calhoun/Martin Van Buren**)
4. One group of trusted advisers to President Jackson called the _____ was an informal group that sometimes met in the White House. (**Kitchen Cabinet/nominating convention**)
5. A practice known as the _____ was when an elected official rewarded some of his supporters with government jobs. (**spoils system/nominating convention**)

DIRECTIONS On the line provided before each statement, write **T** if a statement is true and **F** if a statement is false. If the statement is false, write the correct term on the line after each sentence that makes the sentence a true statement.

_____ 6. The backers of Andrew Jackson were mostly farmers, frontier settlers, and southern slaveholders.

_____ 7. The political party that supported Andrew Jackson was known as the Democratic Party.

_____ 8. John C. Calhoun was elected president of the United States in 1828.
