**Andrew Jackson Thinks Aloud – Decision Making Scaffold**

*Is Indian Removal the best solution for the problems between whites and Indians?*

**Instructions for the Jackson decision-making groups:** In a meeting on this problem, you will hear from Lewis Cass, Chief John Ross, Elias Boudinot and Catherine Beecher. Listen carefully to each of their arguments and suggestions. Write these down below. After hearing from each person, discuss the options available to Andrew Jackson. Brainstorm the strengths and weaknesses of each argument.

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| **Expert** | **Expert’s Beliefs about Indian Removal** |
| **Lewis Cass** | **My name is Lewis Cass. I agree/disagree with Indian Removal because……..**  **1.**  **2.**  **3.** |
| **Chief**  **John Ross** | **My name is Chief John Ross. I agree/disagree with Indian Removal because……..**  **1.**  **2.**  **3.** |
| **Elias Boudinot** | **My name is Elias Boudinot. I agree/disagree with Indian Removal because……..**  **1.**  **2.**  **3.** |
| **Catherine Beecher** | **My name is Catherine Beecher. I agree/disagree with Indian Removal because……..**  **1.**  **2.**  **3.** |

**Instructions for making your final group decision:** It’s time to talk together with your group about what you think Jackson should do. Together with your group, try to think about ALL the arguments that you’ve heard about Indian Removal and decide as a group what President Jackson should do.

**What do you think President Jackson should do about the Indians?**

* **What expert opinions do you think Jackson should follow?**
* **Should he follow more than one opinion or parts of many opinions?**

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| **Write your group’s decision in this box. Explain your thinking.** |