

## The Power of Words

**Directions:** Using the chart you developed after reading "On Indian Removal" by Andrew Jackson and "Executive Order No. 9066" by Franklin D. Roosevelt, complete the boxes below ranking the descriptive terms used in each document from most euphemistic (positive) to most demeaning (negative).

**A** = most positive, euphemistic

**B** = most neutral in meaning

**C** = most negative, demeaning

### President Jackson's Speech to the Congress

| Words, phrases, purposes, benefits, etc. describing the Indian removal |
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| A  |
| B  |
| C  |

### President Roosevelt's Executive Order No. 9066

| Words, phrases, purposes, benefits, etc. describing the Japanese Americans or Japanese relocation |
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| A   |
| B   |
| C   |

### Terms to Know:

**fact:** a truth that can be proven through evidence; real or observable

**opinion:** personal belief, judgment or attitude toward something, cannot be proven

**euphemism:** use of a mild or indirect expression instead of one that is harsh or unpleasant

**denotation:** literal meaning, dictionary definition of a word

**connotation:** the extra, added meanings or feelings associated with a word

**loaded words:** words that are slanted for or against a subject; words slanted to create an emotional impact