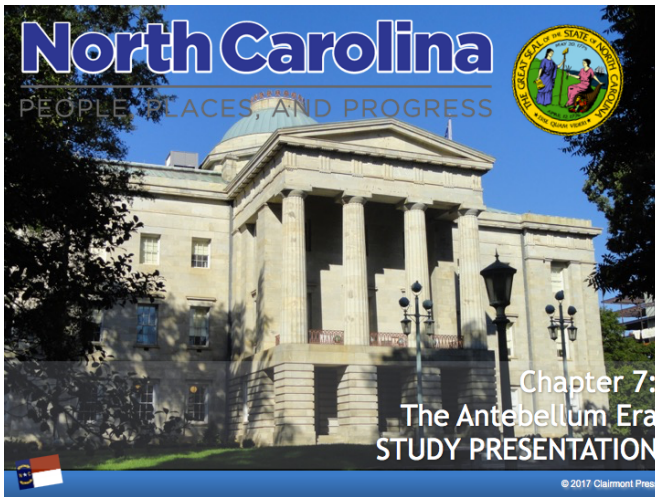




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Section 1: The State That Moved Like a Turtle

➤ Essential Question:

- What were North Carolina's beliefs in states' rights and how did those beliefs cause their turn to Jeffersonian ideals?



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Section 1: The State That Moved Like a Turtle

➤ What terms do I need to know?

- states' rights
- republican simplicity
- War of 1812



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- North Carolina had been a backwater colony before the Revolution and little changed after the Constitution was written
- North Carolina's tradition of distrusting political power was the common governing approach of the nation after 1800, and North Carolina began to contribute significantly to national leadership



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North Carolina and Federalism

- North Carolina refused to take an oath of allegiance to the federal government in 1790 because Congress had passed a law that disputes between states would be settled in federal court, not state courts
- The Tenth Amendment granted to states all power not delegated to the the federal government in the Constitution
 - North Carolina believed in states' rights, that states should assert independence when the federal government was doing something wrong
- The Eleventh Amendment restrained the Supreme Court from taking cases brought by a citizen of one state against another
- In the 1794 election, North Carolinians voted for the Antifederalists, led by Thomas Jefferson



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North Carolinians Become Jeffersonians

- Americans who distrusted the Federalists rallied to Thomas Jefferson
- Antifederalists soon controlled state government in North Carolina, most importantly Nathaniel Macon, a Congressman
- Macon was leading spokesman for republican simplicity, the idea that citizens in a republic should live as independently and simply as possible
 - Wanted Americans to be self-sustaining farmers
- The government should stay out of the way, except to provide defense and other matters for the nation's survival
 - The best government was the local government



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North Carolina in the War of 1812

- The War of 1812 was fought between the Americans and the British to ensure Americans' rights to settle in the West and be safe from British interference on the sea
- The War of 1812 had a very small impact on North Carolina itself, but many served in the American army
- Two former residents became national heroes:
 - First Lady Dolley Madison refused to leave the Executive Mansion to protect the important documents there, and when she left she took an important portrait of George Washington
 - Andrew Jackson became the leading military figure of the war

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Section 2: The Rip Van Winkle State

- Essential Question:
 - What factors became obstacles preventing the improvement of transportation and education in North Carolina?



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Section 2: The Rip Van Winkle State

- What terms do I need to know?
 - Rip Van Winkle state
 - subsistence farming
 - clubbing
 - recession
 - internal improvements
 - canal
 - common school
 - Literary Fund



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- Rip Van Winkle was a character in a fictional story set in New York who fell asleep for 20 years and awoke amazed at the changes around him
- At a time when the nation was growing and changing, North Carolina seemed to be asleep to improvements, leading to the state being called the Rip Van Winkle state



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Subsistence Farming

- Most families had to practice subsistence farming, growing what they needed to feed themselves and their livestock, then selling the surplus, often to neighbors
- Bartering (trading one item for another) was very important in North Carolina since most residents had little cash
- Neighborhoods practiced clubbing, combining their surplus crops into one large load and trusting their friends to go to market for them



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The State Struggles

- The state did little to help the situation of its residents, believing that problems could be solved without government interference
- Most years, the state's taxes barely covered the salaries of state officials
- The state did start building roads in the western mountains, connecting travelers to roads leading to Charleston, and making North Carolina more prosperous
- A national recession (economic slowdown) in 1819 put many farmers in debt, and frustrated residents left the state for newer areas across the Mississippi River



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Murphey's Proposals

- After the War of 1812, Archibald Murphey tried to improve North Carolina by presenting ideas to the legislature for internal improvements and public education
- Internal improvements referred mostly to transportation, as residents of the backcountry were still isolated by rivers
 - Murphey wanted to deepen channels and create canals, man-made water channels that allowed horses or mules to pull flatboats with less effort than on roads
 - Despite Murphey's efforts, North Carolina had fewer canals than almost any other state
- They also urged the state to fund at least one common school in each county, where every white family could send their children to be educated
- The state was slow to fund the proposals due to lack of money, but a Literary Fund was set up in 1825 to help build schools

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Section 3: North Carolina Awakens

- Essential Question:
 - How was a more balanced representation between the eastern and western parts of the state gained and how did this change the government of North Carolina?



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Section 3: North Carolina Awakens

- What terms do I need to know?
 - suffrage
 - Democratic Party
 - Whig Party



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- In 1831, the Capitol building in Raleigh burned down, destroying nearly all of the contents
- Fayetteville was considered again to be the capital, then most of Fayetteville burned down as well
- The state laid a cornerstone for a new Capitol in Raleigh in 1833
 - The granite building with its copper dome is still the North Carolina State Capitol today



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East versus West

- Citizens were leaving because of lack of opportunity and disgust with the state's leadership
- The east continued to hold power even after 1830 census showed that the east had fewer people than the west, but more representatives in the legislature
 - Sectionalism still mattered more than the state to many leaders in North Carolina
- The west rebelled after attempts to get the legislature to call for constitutional change



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The Constitutional Convention of 1835

- In 1835, almost every voter in the west voted for a constitutional convention, and almost every voter in the east voted against, but the west had more people, and the convention was held
- Their greatest need was to make representation fair across the state
 - Each county would still have at least one representative in the House, but more populous counties would have multiple
 - The state Senate would be apportioned by wealth; the wealthier a county was, the more Senators it got
- This created a balance of power between the two sections of the state for the first time
- The governor was now elected by the people rather than the legislature for a 2-year term
- Now, black men and Native Americans were no longer granted suffrage, the right to vote
- With the election of 1836, North Carolina was governed in a new way



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Reform and the Nation

- North Carolina's reforms were part of a broader national movement to change how the government worked
- Andrew Jackson built up the Democratic Party during his terms as president from 1829-1837
 - Those who disliked him and his assertiveness formed the Whig Party to oppose him
- Andrew Jackson made it easier to buy federal land and worked to lower federal tax rates and established banks with federal money in the western states
- Jackson believed that the states, not the nation, should decide where there should be banks, so he vetoed the Bank of the United States

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Section 4: Whigs Support Development

- Essential Question:
 - What improvements were brought to North Carolina under Whig leadership and how did those improvements change the state?



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Section 4: Whigs Support Development

- What terms do I need to know?
 - curriculum
 - literate
 - plank road



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- Whigs wanted to use government money to build up the state and soon formed a party out of Murphey's supporters and controlled the state in the 1830s and 1840s
- The first Whig leader was John Motley Morehead, who pushed both parts of Murphey's plan: public education and internal improvements



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Improvements in Education and Literacy

- In 1839, the Whigs created the state's first public school system and the first school opened in Rockingham County in 1840
- By the 1850s, every county had common schools and the state had developed a school system
- In 1852, Calvin H. Wiley became the first superintendent of public instruction and introduced standards for teachers and published a magazine to help teachers improve their skills
 - North Carolina had the most extensive school system of the South during the Antebellum era
- The University in Chapel Hill also grew and expanded its curriculum (courses offered) to include law and agricultural chemistry
- By the 1850s, more North Carolinians were literate (able to read and write) than ever before



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The Coming of the Railroads

- In the 1830s, the invention of railroads became one of the most important things to happen to the state, as railroads could be built almost anywhere
- Both Whigs and Democrats voted to use public money to invest in railroads
- The first railroads in North Carolina were the longest railroads in the world at the time
- Railroads impacted the farmers of the state, with some planters tripling the amount of cotton they grew and tobacco farms multiplying
- Railroads impacted the development of towns, which grew up around railroad stops
- Fayetteville built plank roads, made out of planks laid like a deck across the roadbed to help farmers keep their wagons above the mud and ruts



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Social Improvements

- The spirit of development across North Carolina impacted most residents
- Governor Morehead had the legislature set up a school for the deaf and blind
- In 1894, the state established the Hospital for the Insane in west Raleigh
- The Whig legislature encouraged the chartering of private academies and colleges, which were primarily established by Christian denominations
- As the railroads brought prosperity, support for educating women grew
 - The Moravians had already established Salem Female Academy in 1802



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Industrial Beginnings

- The Whigs chartered cotton mills, setting the stage for the later growth of that industry in North Carolina
- A dozen more factories were built in the 1840s, most along the Cape Fear River
- Edwin M. Holt ran the Alamance Factory near the site of the battlefield, producing the first dyed cloth in the state in 1852 called "Alamance Plaid"
- The telegraph was first installed in the state in 1848, and between 1835 and 1850, the number of newspapers published in the state more than doubled
- The number of people living in towns also doubled during this period



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Mining

- North Carolina had been known as a gold-producing state since the John Reed family opened the nation's first significant gold mine in the early 1800s
- So much gold was found in the central part of the state that the federal government set up a branch of the United States Mint there in 1837
- The most famous mine site was Gold Hill, started in 1842 at the edge of the Uwharries, with more than 3,000 people working the mine in shifts
- North Carolinians also mined iron ore
- North Carolina's first coal mine opened in 1855 at Cumnock in Lee County and operated through the Civil War



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Section 5: Racial Issues in the Time of Reform


- Essential Question:
 - How were racial issues in North Carolina impacted by the policy of Indian removal and the Trail of Tears?



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Section 5: Racial Issues in the Time of Reform


- What terms do I need to know?
 - Trail of Tears
 - plantation
 - staple crop
 - yeoman farmer
 - artisan
 - emancipation
 - slave code
 - quarters
 - free black



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- During the Antebellum era, the rights of minority groups were restricted by the actions of the white majority in North Carolina
- New laws made it easier to control the lives of slaves and put restrictions on privileges of free people of color
- Native Americans were evicted from their homes by the efforts of whites



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The Cherokee in the Southeast

- In the early 1800s, North Carolina included part of the Cherokee Nation, considered to be most civilized of the Five Civilized Tribes
- Most of the Cherokee lived in Georgia, but about 4,000 still lived in North Carolina and remained the largest Native American group in the state
- They lived in the deepest parts of the mountains and kept many of the old traditions of hunting, gathering, and village life, and considered themselves citizens of North Carolina



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Cherokee Removal and the Trail of Tears

- In the 1820s, southern whites began to harass the Cherokee and other Native Americans to give up their land
- In the 1830s, President Andrew Jackson convinced Cherokee to sign a treaty calling for their removal to the west, but many were able to elude the soldiers coming to round them up
- During 1838 and 1839, more than 15,000 Cherokee were forced to moved to Indian Territory (later Oklahoma) in a brutal journey later called the Trail of Tears
- About 1,000 Cherokee were allowed to remain in North Carolina with the help of a white man adopted into the Cherokee nation, who held the land in his name since the Cherokee couldn't own land
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The Conditions of African Americans

- Two conditions made a person a slave: he or she had to be at least partially African American, and his or her mother had to have been a slave
- Without an act of emancipation (a master legally freeing a slave) a slave was a slave for life
- The slave code defined the social, economic, and physical place of slaves in North Carolina
 - They lacked freedom of movement, were denied most forms of advancement (such as reading or writing) and could not legally marry
- Slaves generally lived in slave quarters, where their housing was located, and their living conditions depended on the attitude of the master
- All slaves faced the horrors of the possibilities of being beaten or sold, or having their family members sold and sent away



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Free People of Color

- A few blacks in North Carolina were free but suffered from prejudice and poor treatment
 - In Fayetteville, free blacks wore a label on their sleeve identifying them
- Ralf Freeman, a freed slave, became one of the most notable preachers in the Uwharries during the 1820s
- Almost 200 free blacks owned slaves, in many cases their own relatives bought to keep them from being owned by whites



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