



## ACTIVITY #2 - Forced Migration of the Seminoles

**Lesson Essential Question:** How did the Seminole Wars force the migration of Native Americans?

**Objective:** Students will examine maps to understand how the Seminoles were forced to migrate during the Seminole Wars. Students will use map skills to make predictions and inferences.

**Materials:** Maps of Seminole migration, video link: Dade Battle Reenactment:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmVI-lvde6E> , [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZY\\_ZHzFZp4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZY_ZHzFZp4)

**Vocabulary:**

**Migration:** To go from one country, region, or place to another.

**Map Key:** A table on a map, chart, or the like, listing and explaining the symbols used.

**Compass Rose:** A design used on maps to indicate the directional points of a compass

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1. **Have students view** the YouTube link on the Dade Battle Reenactment for a background on the Seminole Wars.
  2. **Review** the definition of migration with students.
  3. **Introduce** the important features of a map and their purposes. (Map Key or Legend, and Compass Rose)
  3. **Students examine the maps** that shows Seminole migration during the Seminole Wars. Have students try to determine what direction or places the Seminoles migrated to and when using map features.
  4. **Students will answer** the questions related to each map.





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1. Looking at the map, what part of Florida is the location of the First Seminole War?  
(Northern, Southern, Eastern or Western)

2. What direction have the Seminoles moved throughout the three Seminole Wars?  
(Hint: Use the symbols in the map key and the compass rose.)

3. According to the map, Seminoles lived on reservations during which of the three wars?

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■ = Indian Territory ("Oklahoma")

**Final Seminole Migration, 1858**  
Over 4,000 Seminoles Forced to the Indian Territory  
1832 to 1858

4. What direction did the Seminoles travel to get to Indian Territory?

5. As the Seminoles moved from Florida to Indian Territory, in what ways do you think they had to adapt to their new environment? (*Hint: In what ways might Oklahoma differ from Florida?*)