

Presidents Van Buren, Harrison and Tyler



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Death

Disagreements

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The Seminole War

The poster is a large rectangular frame containing a central scroll of text. At the top, it reads 'ADMINISTRATION of VAN BUREN' with the years '1837' and '1841' on either side. Below this, a smaller version of the same title and dates is repeated. The scroll lists 'OTHER EVENTS' and 'EVENTS' in two columns. To the left of the scroll, there are three illustrations: a box of 'Friction Matches First Used 1838', a camera on a tripod labeled 'First Photograph Taken in America 1839', and a magnetic telegraph labeled 'Magnetic Telegraph Patented. 1837'. To the right of the scroll, there is another illustration of a magnetic telegraph labeled 'Magnetic Telegraph Patented. 1837' and a full-length illustration of a Seminole warrior holding a rifle, labeled 'The Seminole War' at the bottom. The scroll itself is partially unrolled, showing the text on its surface.





Panic of 1837

- ❧ The Panic of 1837 happened because:
 - ❧ Speculators began to buy land by borrowing huge amounts of money.
 - ❧ The Bank of the U.S. was eliminated and state banks began to print more money that was not backed by gold and silver.
- ❧ This depreciated the value of American currency.
- ❧ Jackson had tried to stop this by ordering that land purchases be paid only in gold and silver.



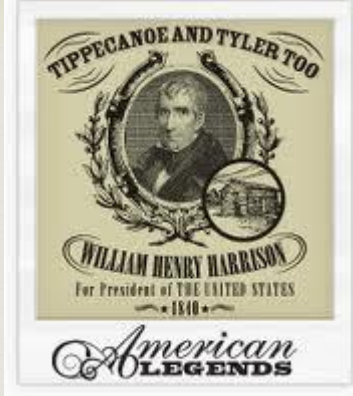


Depression



- ❧ A depression hit America and lasted for three years.
- ❧ People were starving and out of work.
 - ❧ About 90% of the factories in the North closed.
- ❧ Although Van Buren was known as a great politician he was blamed for the nations problems.
- ❧ The Whigs saw this as an opportunity for victory but knew their candidate had to be a “common man”.
- ❧ They chose William Henry Harrison (of Tippecanoe fame) to lead their party with John Tyler as his Vice Presidential running mate.
- ❧ Van Buren was re-nominated by the Democrats in 1840

Campaign for President



- ❧ Harrison led a down to earth campaign.
 - ❧ He toured the country
 - ❧ Gave speeches
 - ❧ Met people
- ❧ His supporters rolled balls down the street crying “Keep the ball rolling”.
- ❧ He gave away campaign buttons with the words “Tippecanoe and Tyler Too!”
- ❧ Democrats fought hard to beat Harrison, calling him “Granny Harrison the Petticoat General”.
- ❧ But their strategy failed and Harrison easily won the election.



President Harrison Or Is It?



- ❧ Unfortunately, Harrison died one month after taking office.
- ❧ He was the first President to die in office.
- ❧ John Tyler took over as the new President.
- ❧ Harrison's death crushed Whig plans to reinstate the U.S. bank as Tyler vetoed the bill to create a new bank.
- ❧ Tyler's stay in office was awful.
- ❧ All his cabinet except Daniel Webster resigned.
- ❧ The Whigs fought amongst themselves and got little accomplished.

