Questions for Andrew Jackson – Symbol for an Age

1. What was the significance of the *Battle of New Orleans* to the outcome of the *War of 1812*, the popularity of Andrew Jackson, and to the developing American culture?
2. What role did Jackson play in the aforementioned battle?
3. According to Representative Troup what were the three reasons for the American victory in New Orleans?
4. What was the goal and impact of the song “Hunters of Kentucky?”
5. Contrast the real facts of the victory in the *Battle of New Orleans* with the myths.
6. How does the history and personality of Jackson reflect on the way in which Americans like to see themselves?
7. Contrast the views of *intelligence* in terms of describing A Jackson and JQ Adams (especially their campaigns in 1824 and 1832).
8. Describe how the *Log Cabin Campaign* was an act of political theft but still within the growing American cultural mythos regarding the west, the farmer and the politician.
9. Describe the role of God in the myths surrounding the *Battle of New Orleans*, the rise and fame of Andrew Jackson, and America’s cultural obsession with providence.
10. Describe the origin of the term *“manifest destiny”* and its connection to Andrew Jackson.
11. Provide examples of why Jackson was seen as a *Man of Iron Will* and a *Self-Made Man*.
12. Describe the ambivalent attitude Americans had toward having a president being seen as a *Man of Iron Will*. (Go beyond the text and discuss similar attitudes toward modern presidents and presidential candidates.)
13. Describe the significance of *Nature, Providence*, and *Will* in American political culture. (Go beyond the text and use examples in today’s political culture.)\*\*