**Appositives and Appositive Phrases A**

**An appositive** is a noun or a pronoun placed beside another noun or pronoun to identify or describe it.

**EXAMPLE** The patriot **Andrew Jackson** became president in 1829. [The appositive identifies the noun **patriot**.]

**An appositive phrase** consists of an appositive and its modifiers.

**EXAMPLE** Jackson wanted a new American Indian policy, **one with a guarantee of separate lands for native peoples**. [The appositive phrase identifies the noun **policy**.]

**EXERCISE** Underline the appositives and appositive phrases in the following sentences. Then, circle the noun or pronoun that the appositive identifies or describes.

**Example 1.** James Monroe, an earlier president, had hoped to establish a similar policy.

1. The Battle of Bad Axe River, a struggle between a band of American Indians and the United States government, occurred in 1832.
2. Black Hawk, a member of the Sauk nation, led the American Indian forces.
3. Many Mesquakies, allies of the Sauks, followed Black Hawk into battle.
4. This battle, the last skirmish of Black Hawk’s War, resulted in the removal of the Sauks and Mesquakies from their homelands.
5. Other Indian leaders, Chief Joseph, Crazy Horse, and Sitting Bull, fought in battles to protect their homelands and cultures.
6. The Nez Perce leader, Chief Joseph, and his followers fought heroically.
7. Chief Joseph and his forces, a band of fewer than five hundred warriors, defended themselves against a force of five thousand U.S. government troops.
8. After a 1,300-mile trek to Canada, a long and difficult journey, the U.S. troops attacked.
9. After a five-month siege, the Nez Perce were relocated to Indian Territory, a region that is now part of Oklahoma.
10. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull, two leaders of the Sioux, also fought bravely in their battles against U.S. government forces.