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A political expression with a similar meaning is the last hurrah . The expression may be used to describe a politician's last campaign , his final attempt to win the cheers and votes of the people. The last hurrah also can mean the last acts of a politician, before his term in office ends.

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Writer Edwin O'Connor _____ the expression popular in nineteen fifty-six. He _____ a book about the final years in the political life of a long-time mayor of Boston, Massachusetts. He _____ his book, *The Last Hurrah.*

Some language experts say the expression _____ from a name given to noisy supporters of Andrew Jackson…America's seventh president. They _____ hurrah so loudly for Andrew Jackson during his presidential campaign that they _____ known as the hurrah boys.

Jackson's hurrah boys also _____ a part in the election to choose the next president. Jackson's choice _____ his vice president, Martin VanBuren.

A newspaper of the time _____ that VanBuren was elected president, in its words: "...by the hurrah boys, and those who _____ just enough to shout hurrah for Jackson." So, President Jackson really _____ his last hurrahs in the campaign of another candidate, the man would replace him in the White House.

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