Kansas Museum of History Scavenger Hunt

Early People

All the answers to the following 10 questions can be found in the early people section of the main gallery of the Kansas Museum of History. To locate this section, please refer to the museum gallery map provided.

1. Name two of the animals that the first people hunted.

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2. Show the difference between spear points by drawing one used by the Paleo-Indians, the First People, and one used by other Indian cultures, like the Pomona.

3. There are three tools used by the Wichita resting against the grass lodge. From what materials are these tools made?

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4. The Kansa, Osage, and Pawnee all used metal tools. How did they acquire these tools? ______________________________

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5. Name one of the activities occurring in the Pawnee earth lodge model. ______________________________

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6. American Indians often decorated their clothing and moccasins. Name two items they added for decoration.

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7. How long and how many people did it take to set up the Southern Cheyenne style tipi?

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8. What shape is the footprint made by all Plains Indians dwellings?

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9. The Pawnee and the Wichita also lived in tipis. Why did they choose to live in tipis only during part of the year?

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10. Look at the prairie habitat display. Identify four of the animals seen there.

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Trails
All the answers to the following 10 questions can be found in the trails section of the main gallery of the Kansas Museum of History. To locate this section, please refer to the museum gallery map provided.

1. What event in 1821 led to the opening of the Santa Fe Trail?

2. Which countries did the Santa Fe Trail pass through in 1821?

3. In what state is the longest part of the Santa Fe Trail located?

4. Why were Santa Fe Trail wagons so large?

5. Using two objects from the gallery (one object representing each trail), describe the primary purposes of both the Santa Fe and the Oregon-California trails.

6. What was the approximate length of the Oregon-California Trail?

7. Imagine that you are about to travel on the Oregon-California Trail. Select five items from the gallery that you think will be most important for a successful journey.

8. Name two jobs performed by men and two jobs performed by women on the Oregon-California Trail.

9. Why would Oregon-California Trail travelers sometimes leave their furniture, and dishes, and belongings along the trail?

10. Besides migrants and freighters, name two other groups who used these trails.
The Civil War and Settling the Frontier

All the answers to the following 10 questions can be found in the Civil War and settling the frontier sections of the main gallery of the Kansas Museum of History of the Kansas Museum of History. To locate this section, please refer to the museum gallery map provided.

1. The “Admit me Free” on the American flag refers to what issue? __________________________________________

2. What Act of Congress made Kansas a territory and opened the land for white settlement? 
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3. What event in 1856 led John Brown to murder five men at Pottawatomie Creek? __________________________
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4. Compare the antislavery activities of Clarina Nichols to those of John Brown. What is the main difference between the ways they convey their beliefs? __________________________________________________
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5. Where did the escaped enslaved woman named Ann Clarke hide for six weeks on the Underground Railroad? 
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6. The Solomon Humbarger log cabin is a typical house built by early settlers. What environmental factor often restricted log cabins to only one room? ________________________________
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7. Confederate raider William Quantrill led men on an attack of Lawrence. On what month, day, and year did this attack occur and how many people were killed? ________________________________
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8. Kansas had the first African American troops to fight in the Civil War. What was the name of their regiment as recorded on their battle flag? ________________________________
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9. With whom did the U.S. military fight in Kansas after the Civil War? ________________________________

10. Immigrants came to Kansas from all over the world following the Civil War. List three countries from where these immigrants came. ________________________________
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Trains and Towns

All the answers to the following 10 questions can be found in the trains and towns section of the main gallery of the Kansas Museum of History. To locate this section, please refer to the museum gallery map provided.

1. What objects did Carry A. Nation use in her fight to stop Kansans from drinking alcohol?  
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2. What was the function of the drover’s car (No. D911)?  
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3. Name three of the six most important Kansas cattle towns.  
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4. What was the relationship between railroad expansion and town development?  
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5. Name two of the four common health dangers exposed by Dr. Samuel J. Crumbine, the father of public health.  
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6. The Santa Fe Railway superintendents were given their own cars to conduct railroad business. Examine car No. 410. Describe the differences between the bedroom of the superintendent and that of his servant (also known as a porter).  
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7. Examine the front of the building on the raised platform next to car No. 410. What is the name of this type of building?  
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8. Fred Harvey introduced fine dining to railroad travelers in the 1870s. His restaurants were known for employing efficient young ladies as waitresses. What were these waitresses called?  
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9. Name three of the many jobs required to operate a railroad.  
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10. Answer the following questions about Engine No. 132: The name of the company that manufactured it, the town where it was manufactured, and the year.  
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    b.  
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Early 20th Century
All the answers to the following 10 questions can be found in the early 20th century section of the main gallery of the Kansas Museum of History. To locate this section, please refer to the museum gallery map provided.

1. Early settlers to Kansas often built houses out of sod, known as “soddies.” Why did they choose sod as a building material?

2. Compare the sulky plow to the Angell one-way disc plow. Name one way in which these plows are similar.
   Name one way they are different.

3. During World War I influenza, or the flu, killed thousands of Kansans. Where is it believed this worldwide epidemic began?

4. Who was the famous newspaper editor whose 1924 campaign helped kick the Ku Klux Klan out of Kansas?

5. Who was the first Kansan and only person of American Indian descent to hold the office of Vice President of the United States?

6. Look! Up in the sky! It’s a bird! No, it’s A.K. Longren’s 1914 biplane! Where is the plane’s propeller located?

7. Before Ronald, McDonald’s used this figure as its advertising mascot. What was his name?

8. In what city did Pizza Hut and White Castle begin?

9. Name the company that produced diners similar to the replica in the museum. In what city was this company located?

10. Name two of the ways in which the 1933 Chevrolet Eagle differs from the car your family drives today.
Our Recent Past

All the answers to the following 10 questions can be found in recent past section of the main gallery of the Kansas Museum of History. To locate this section, please refer to the museum gallery map provided.

1. Why was the field jacket in the World War II section known as the “Ike” jacket? 

2. Name the woman from Richland appointed by President Harry Truman as the first female to serve as treasurer of the United States.

3. Name one of two jazz musicians from Kansas who played the saxophone.

4. In 1954 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that separate schools for African American and white children were inherently unequal. Give the full name for this landmark case, which directly influenced the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

5. President Dwight Eisenhower promoted a federal highway system. The nation’s first stretch of interstate highway opened just west of Topeka. What is the number for this highway?

6. Children from Kansas played with many toys in the 1950s. Name one of the toys.

7. Why is Wichita known as the “Air Capital of the World?”

8. Examine the early 1970s video game called Pong. Name two ways video games today are different. Name two ways they are similar.

9. During the 1970s and 1980s Hispanic and Southeast Asian immigration to Kansas increased rapidly. Name one of the artifacts in the gallery that belongs to these groups.

10. In 1986 this Wichita native became the first woman to play for the Harlem Globetrotters. She also captained the 1984 U.S. women’s basketball team to an Olympic gold medal. Name her.