

Entrance

Kansas has 105 counties. Find the county in which you live. What are the names of the counties in the four corners of the state? Which one is not a square? Can you guess why? Find Topeka. Name the county in which the Kansas Museum of History is located.

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Floor map of Kansas



Explorers

This is the earliest printed map in history. The name comes from its design. Can you see why? How many continents did people know about in 1472? Name the three continents printed on this map.

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T-and-O Map

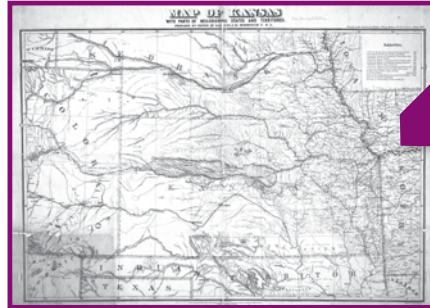


Trails

This map marks the location of forts in Kansas, and parts of Nebraska, Colorado, and Indian Territory (Oklahoma) in 1870. Fort Larned protected settlers along this trail. Can you name the trail?

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Map of Kansas, 1870



Railroads

Railroads greatly influenced the settlement of the state. By the early 1870s two railroads stretched from the eastern to western border. What are their names?

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Kansas railroad map, 1870



Towns

Sanborn fire insurance maps provide a unique picture of a town. The types of building and construction materials are identified. Why would an insurance company be interested in that information? Topeka was settled along a river. What is the name of the river?

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Sanborn map of Topeka, 1883



Indians

In 1854 Kansas was established as a territory and open to white settlers. Look closely at Kansas' western border. Name the mountain range to which it reached. Use other maps in this exhibit to help you place the current western border of the state on this map.

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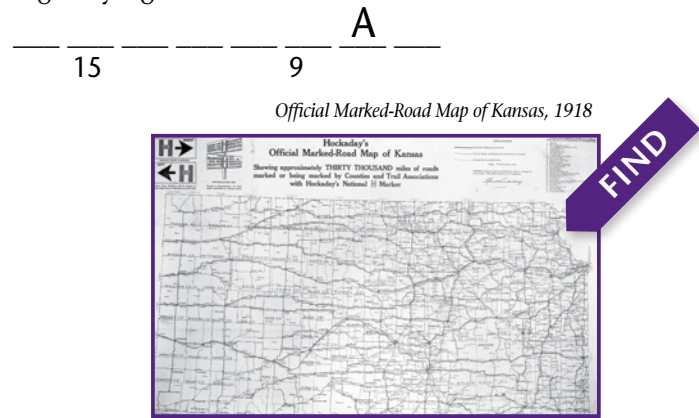
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Nebraska & Kansas territories, 1854



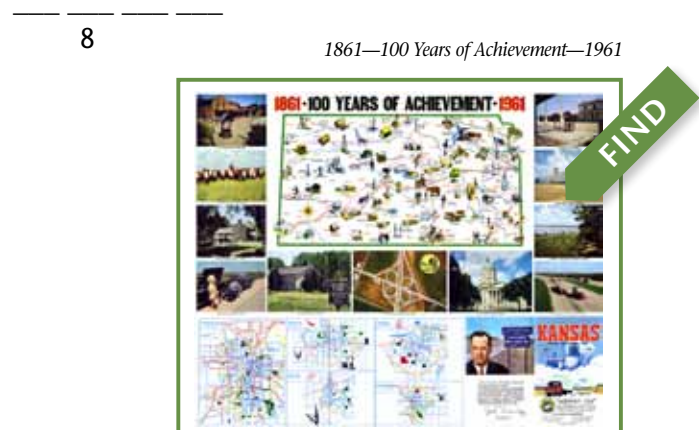
Roads

In 1918, when this map was made, the country was experiencing a major change in the way people traveled. Based on the need to create road maps can you guess this new form of transportation? What is the name of the first person in the United States to recognize the need for highway signs?



Tourism

Kansans are proud of the important people, places, and events in our state's history. The symbols on this map depict many of these things. What is your favorite picture? Find the small map of Hutchinson. What symbol is pictured with this town?



Congratulations! You have traveled through 500 years of history.

Connections

Which map was your favorite? Ask friends or relatives which maps they liked best and why?

Mystery Question

Now it is time to test your knowledge and discover what you have won! Use the numbered letters from your answers in this guide to fill in the blanks below. Take your completed guide to the Museum Store to claim your prize.

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Thank you for visiting the Kansas Museum of History. We hope you enjoyed your time with us. Please come again.



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Family Gallery Guide



January 20 – April 29, 2012
Special Exhibits Gallery

Use this guide to explore maps beginning with the earliest map ever printed! You will be collecting clues along the way. Discover the answer to the mystery question and win a prize!



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