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Where in the World is Kansas? The Geography of Kansas

Worksheet 1: A Closer Look at Kansas

Read the article "A Closer Look" on pages 9-14 of Kansas Kaleidoscope. Then read the diary entries listed below. Each paragraph describes an area of Kansas. Cut and paste the paragraphs to the proper location on the Kansas map on the following page.

1. Aunt Mary had not felt good for many weeks. She had heard about these "special waters" that cured anything! Uncle Paul took her here to get the cure.
2. Our new house is small with one window and a door. The sod bricks are strong enough to keep out the wind. But bugs and snakes sometimes come through the roof.
3. Kansas is dry! But we finally have a windmill which will help us water our crops.
4. My days were spent on the back of a horse herding cattle until yesterday. We arrived in Abilene and loaded the cattle on the Union Pacific Railway.
5. My dream was to move my family to this new land. When jobs in the coalmines came open, I jumped at the chance! We love our new home!
6. The war is over! But I will never



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forget seeing the Confederate soldiers slowing crossing the creek and retreating back to Missouri.

7. When we first left Ohio, we had plans to travel to Oregon. But when we got to Kansas, we decided to stay! We “jumped off” the Oregon Trail and made a home here!

8. Wow! With the discovery of the big salt deposit, salt companies are cropping up everywhere here! It’s creating a lot of jobs for people around this part of Kansas!

9. Papa is so happy to hear about the canals being built. This will ease his mind when the hot summer sun dries the earth. We need rain, but these ditches will help our crops anyway.

