

## Who are the Kansa?

The Kansa people once lived in this place we call Kansas. The state of Kansas takes its name from these people. How much do you know about the Kansa? Read pages 6-8 of the **Kansas State Capitol Guide for Young People**.

Long ago before Kansas was a state, the Kansa people lived along the Kansas River. They built their houses from materials in nature. Read the following list and circle the materials that might have been used in traditional Kansa houses built near the Kansas River.

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| <b>Cloth</b>  | <b>Nails</b>        |
| <b>Glass</b>  | <b>Plastic</b>      |
| <b>Grass</b>  | <b>Sawed lumber</b> |
| <b>Hides</b>  | <b>Shingles</b>     |
| <b>Leaves</b> | <b>Sticks</b>       |
| <b>Metal</b>  | <b>Tree trunks</b>  |

Kansa children learned to be adults by playing games and working with their parents. But, who did what? Place a mark in the correct category below.

Activity	Men	Women	Both
Cook food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gather pumpkins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunt buffalo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play games with children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect against enemies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Take care of children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tan hides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teach children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Based on what you know about the Kansa, answer the following by circling either True or False:

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| True | False | Kansas people are alive today.                         |
| True | False | Today the Kansa live in earth houses and hunt buffalo. |
| True | False | <i>Ad Astra</i> was a famous Kansa warrior.            |
| True | False | The Kansa and the Kaw are the same people.             |
| True | False | Today the Kansa live on a reservation in Kansas.       |