

# Kansas State Capitol Visitor Center

## Scavenger Hunt Answer Key

### Ground Floor (optional)

1. Where would you find important documents such as legislative bills?

**Document Room 58S**

2. From what kind of stone are the lazy buttresses and flying buttresses that support the Capitol made?

**Native Kansas limestone**

### First Floor

3. What year was the Capitol added to the National Register of Historic Places?

**1971**

4. In which wing of the building are the offices of the Kansas senators?

**East wing, the oldest wing in the Capitol**

5. How is the 1923 Otis cage elevator different than other elevators?

**You can see out of the Otis cage elevator as you rise or descend, the elevator is operated by a person, there is a gate to keep people in the elevator safe, there are no buttons, you just tell the operator which floor you want.**

6. How many types of transportation are depicted in the murals by David Overmyer?

**Trains, horseback, longboats, immigrant wagons**

7. Which state symbol is found on the staircases?

**Sunflower**

### Second Floor

8. Who is the current governor of Kansas?

**Sam Brownback**

9. Bonus: Who was the first Kansas governor?

**Charles Robinson**



10. When will the time capsule under the statue of William Allen White be opened?

**2061**

11. What does it commemorate?

**Kansas Bicentennial, 200th anniversary of state**

12. Which one of the Peter Felton statues depicts the 34th president of the United States?

*Hint: This person is from Abilene*

**Five-star General Dwight Eisenhower, who served as the 34th president from 1953-1961.**

13. Which portrait depicts the only American Indian to become vice president of the United States?

**Charles Curtis, the only vice president of American Indian descent. He served under President Herbert Hoover, 1929-1933.**

14. How many governors have there been in Kansas?

**46**

15. How many governors were there during Kansas Territory?

**10**

16. Name three farm animals that are found in the *Kansas Pastoral* mural painted by John Steuart Curry.

Which one has a heart on his backside?

**Donkeys, pigs, cows, bull, sheep, and chickens; the bull has a heart brand on his back to signify that Kansas is the heartland of America.**

17. Name at least two Kansas symbols that John Steuart Curry included in his murals.

**State animal – American Bison, state bird – Western meadowlark, state flower – Sunflower**

### **Third Floor**

18. How many justices sit on the Kansas Supreme Court?

*Hint: Count the number of chairs behind the bench*

**Seven**

19. The doors into the former supreme courtroom are two inches solid oak. About how long are the hinges on these large doors?

**Approximately one foot**

20. How many state senators does Kansas have?

**40**

21. Who sits at the large mahogany desk in the center of the Senate Chamber?

**President of the Kansas Senate**

22. Who is the current president of the Kansas Senate?

*Hint: Check portraits in the hall outside the Senate Chamber?*

**Susan Wagle of Wichita**

23. What design is found on the doorknobs outside the Senate Chamber?

**Sunflower**

24. Name at least three prominent freestaters whose names appear in the House of Representatives Hall?

*Hint: One of these gentlemen was the first governor.*

**Charles Robinson, first Kansas governor; Andrew Reeder, first territorial governor; James Lane, first state senator; John Brown, abolitionist; Martin Conway, first U.S. Congressman from Kansas; James Montgomery, free-state supporter; T.W. Barber, killed in Wakarusa War; Henry Adams, free-state mayor of Leavenworth; Alfred Gray, member of the first Kansas Legislature; Benjamin Mudge, abolitionist**

25. How many representatives are in the Kansas House of Representatives?

**125**

26. Who sits at the large walnut desk in the center of the House of Representatives Hall?

**Speaker of the House**

27. Who is the current Speaker of the House?

**Raymond Merrick of Stilwell**

28. Until 1998 the House of Representatives Hall murals were covered by layers of paint. Where are the murals that represent *History*, *Law*, *The First Dawn of Liberty*, and *Justice* located?

**On the ceiling**

#### **Fourth Floor**

The State Seal rug that formerly was on the floor of the Senate Chamber is hanging outside the Senate Gallery. Use this rug to answer these questions.

29. How many stars are on the state seal?

**34**

31. What do the stars represent?

*Hint: States are assigned numbers in the order that they enter the Union*

**Kansas is the 34th state**

32. What does the state motto, *Ad astra per aspera*, mean?

**To the stars through difficulties**

33. What other Kansas symbols are found on the states seal?

**Buffalo, Flint Hills, American Indians, farming, Kansas River, steamboat, immigrant wagons**