The state of Kansas looks like a rectangle with a bite taken out of the corner. That “bite” is our state’s natural border. A natural border is a line that follows something in nature. In Kansas the natural border is the Missouri River. The other borders of Kansas were made using man-made lines.

**Draw your own Kansas map!**

Using the numbers on the X and Y axis, draw points and lines between points using these coordinates: Start at point (33, 22). Draw a line going left to point (1, 22), then down to point (1, 2). Continue the line right to point (36, 2) and up to point (36, 16). Draw points at (35, 17), (35, 18), (34, 19), (35, 20), and (35, 21). Draw a line that connects these points to the rest of your Kansas map!

**Shared Borders**

These states share borders with Kansas: Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Colorado. Can you identify their locations on the map below?

**Kansas is about 400 miles from east to west and 200 miles from north to south. It is the 15th largest state in land area.**