In the early 1800s four bands of Pawnee lived in areas that today are part of Kansas and Nebraska. The shaded areas on this map show the territories of the Skidi, Grand, Tappage, and Republican Pawnee bands. Each of these bands settled near ready supplies of fresh water, a resource important for all life.

Can you locate these areas on modern maps of Kansas and Nebraska? (Hint: Use the location of rivers for guidance.)

Today, visitors at Pawnee Indian Village State Historic Site learn about the Pawnee who once built and lived in their village on that site.

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