Junior Ranger

Arkansas Post National Memorial

Activity Book

National Park Service

To earn your Badge

Complete the three steps below:

1. Watch the movie and tour the visitor center

2. Take a self-guided tour of the historic town site or Nature Trail

3. Complete five activities in this Junior Ranger book.

When you are finished, bring your Junior Ranger book to the visitor center so a ranger can review it with you.

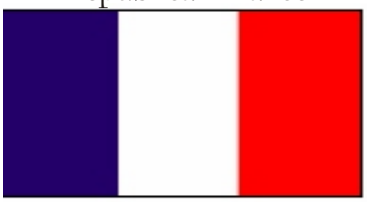
For online users:

Not all of the activities contained in this booklet can be completed online; however, many can be completed by using the information contained on the pages of the park website.

Flags Over Arkansas Post

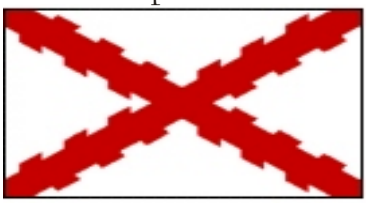
Which was the first flag to fly over Arkansas Post, the second, etc. Write the order number in the first blank and the country the flag belonged to in the second blank.

Republican France

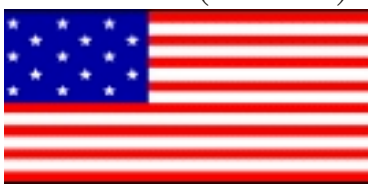


United States

Spain



United States (territorial)



"Colonial" France

Confederate States of America

Nature Hunt

Arkansas Post is home to a large variety of animals, birds and plants. How many of these did you see while walking in the park?

Draw a picture of your favorite animal found at Arkansas Post.

Alligator

Deer

Armadillo

Nutria

Snake

Poison Ivy

Eagle

Woodpecker

Squirrel

Osage orange

Sassafras

Ducks

The Arkansas Trapper

Hernando De Soto was exploring for Spain.
He passed through this land, but made no claim.
LaSalle was the first to take a chance,
On the Arkansas River, he claimed it for France.
Henri de Tonti built the first Post.
At the village of Kappa, with the Quapaw as host.
Trappers and traders all passed this way.
They traveled the river, but few would stay.
They battled the floods and Indian crisis,
Most trappers still left because of fur prices.
They built a town where steamboats could stop.
Their town had a tavern, a bank and a gin.
Their story was told when the Gazette came in.
As the first Capitol, the Post made it's mark.
Without a railroad close by, their future was dark.
Most folks just left, for a city they wished.
The few that stayed just hunted and fished.

Watch the Movie:
Echoes of the Past

<u>Now you be the movie critic, tell us what you think</u>

What was your favorite part of the movie?

Tell us something you learned that you didn't know before watching the movie.

If you were acting in this movie, which part would you want to play?

If you were the director of this movie, what would you change?

Date Dectective

When did this happen? When you discover the answer, write it beside the events listed below:

A Revolutionary War battle was fought at Arkansas Post _____

The first issue of the Arkansas Gazette was printed _____

Arkansas Post became a National Memorial _____

A Civil War battle was fought at Arkansas Post _____

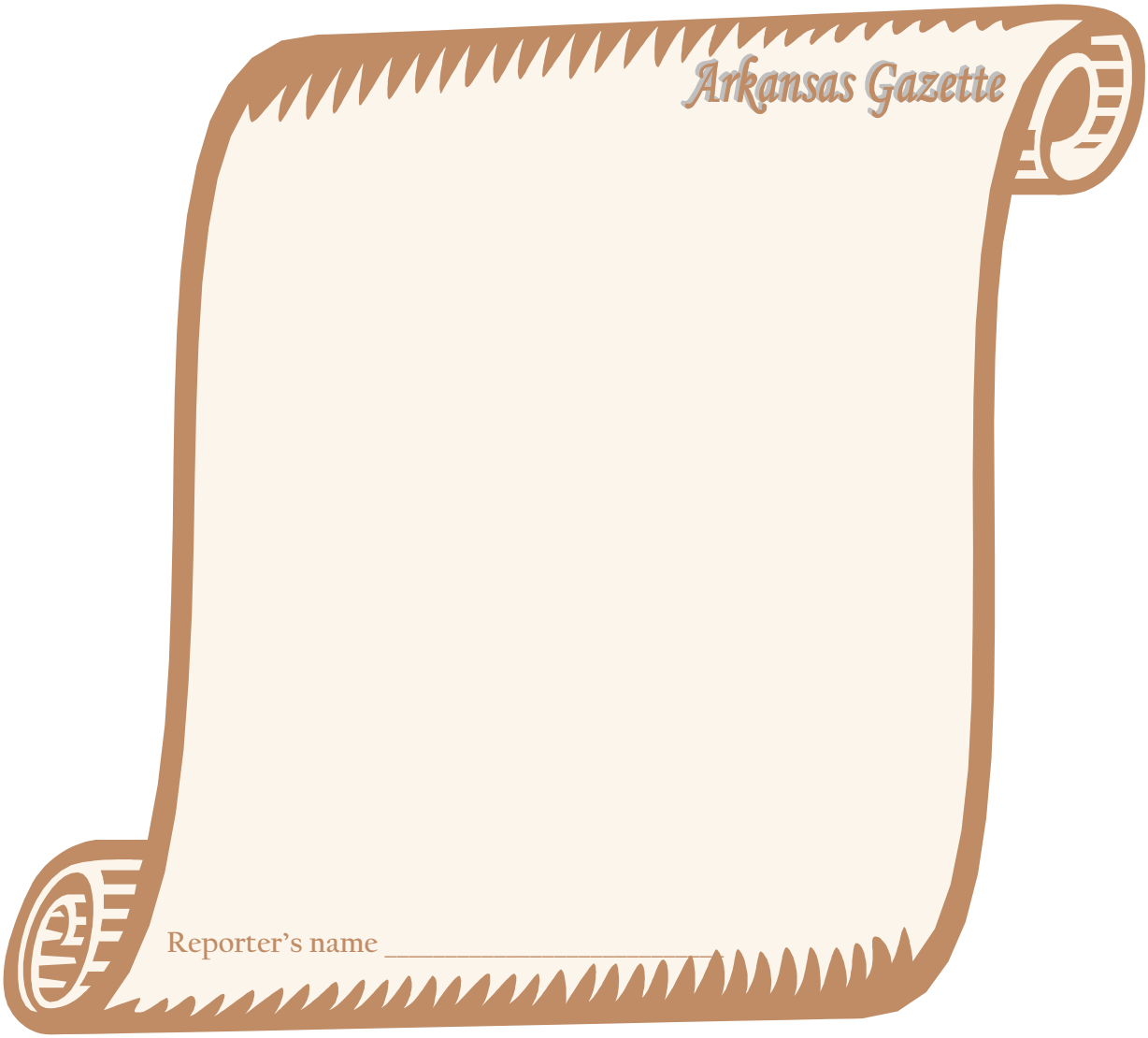
The Chickasaw Indians raided the Village at Arkansas Post _____

Arkansas Post became the first capitol of Arkansas _____

Hint:

To find a clue, investigate the time-line under the “History and Culture” tab.

You're a reporter for the Arkansas Gazette, write your story about Arkansas Post.



If you need more space continue your story on the next page.

Exhibit Explorer

River Room:

What is the difference between a keel boat and flat boat?

What was the first steamboat to come to Arkansas Post?

If you were traveling to Arkansas Post by boat, which of the boats in the River room would you want to travel in?

Fur Room:

Look at the different types of furs in the fur room. What do you think they were used for?

What are some other items the early settlers traded to the Indians?

What kind of tools were used to trap and process the furs?

Let's go to town!

You have a busy day ahead of you at the village of Arkansas Post. Read the signs and maps to determine where to go. Stand on the spot where you would accomplish your errands.

1. You nee money. Go to the bank.

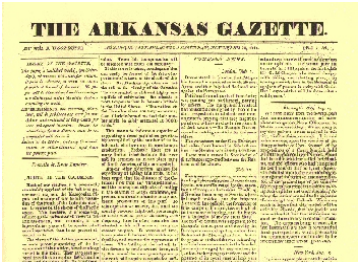
2. The stores are all on Main Street. Go to Main Street

3. Stop at the cotton gin and make a deal on your crop.

4. There's an auction at Montgomery's Tavern. See what you can find and have lunch while you're there.

5. Visit the Notrebes. Find out about their family.

The Arkansas Gazette


THE ARKANSAS GAZETTE.

In 1819 a young printer from New York named William Woodruff came to Arkansas Post to start a newspaper. He brought his printing press and equipment upriver on a small raft made by lashing two wooden dugout canoes together. This type of raft was called a bateau. He worked and lived in a two room log cabin.

On November 20, 1819 the first issue of the Arkansas Gazette was printed.

Quapaw Word Hunt

Find the words that are underlined in the story below. The words can be found across, down or diagonally.

The Quapaw **Indians** lived along the banks of the Arkansas River long before the **French** explorers founded Arkansas **Post** in 1686. They built homes of long **cane** poles that were covered with cane mats and cypress bark. They lived in four main **villages** along the **Arkansas** and **Mississippi** Rivers. The **Quapaw** hunted animals such as **bear, beaver,** and **deer** for food and clothing. They made canoes called **dugouts** from **cypress** and **pine** longs with stone tools. Their clothing was made from animal **skins** and they often wore **beads** and **feathers** in their hair. The Quapaw had many special dances like the calumet **dance** given to welcome visitors into the **tribe**. A **calumet** is a two-foot long **pipe** made of a hollow reed attached to a red clay bowl. Like many other Indian tribes, the Quapaw were forced to move from the Arkansas to the Indian Territory in what is now **Oklahoma.**

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Indian Pow-Wow

Let's talk about the Indians. There were three main tribes at Arkansas Post: the Quapaw, the Chickasaw and the Osage. Write the name of the tribe that fits the description below:

The French and Spanish were our friends. They made their home close to our village and we protected them. _____

We attacked the French village at Arkansas Post and killed 6 men. But we didn't kill the women and children, we took them captive.

_____

We never attacked the Post, but we killed hunters and trappers along the northern part of the Arkansas River – that's our territory.

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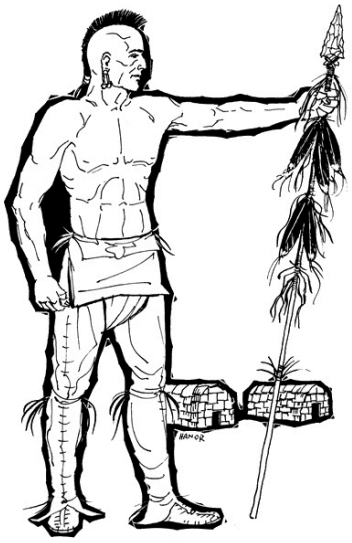
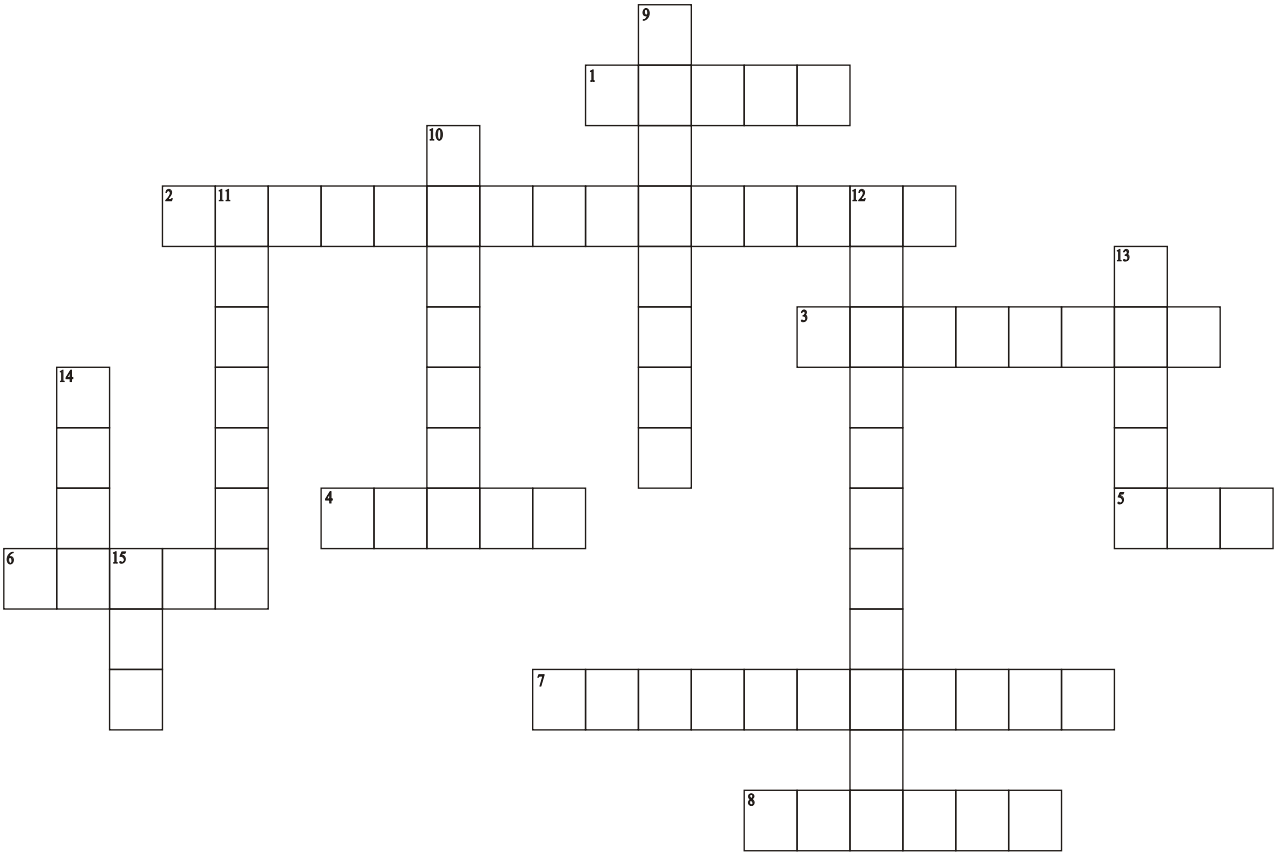
The British were our friends. We helped them attack the Spanish fort at Arkansas Post. _____

Our name means downstream people. _____



Great Cross Crossword



Across

1. Visitors may gather nuts from _____ trees in the historic town site.
2. _____ published the Arkansas Gazette.
3. Arkansas Post is on the banks of the _____ River.
4. Fur _____ were traded at Arkansas Post.
5. _____ flags have flown over Arkansas Post.
6. Survivors of La Salle's 1684 expedition saw a great _____ when they reached Arkansas Post in 1687.
7. The first Arkansas Legislature met at _____ tavern.
8. Dugout _____ were made from cypress trees.

Down

9. Arkansas Post National _____.
10. Arkansas Post served as the Territorial _____ from 1819-1821.
11. The Quapaw _____ lived along the Arkansas River.
12. During the Civil War, the Confederate Fort was named _____.
13. Cannon _____ are shot from a cannon.
14. In the early morning and late afternoon ___ can be seen browsing in the park.
15. Wild turkeys eat acorns from ___ trees.