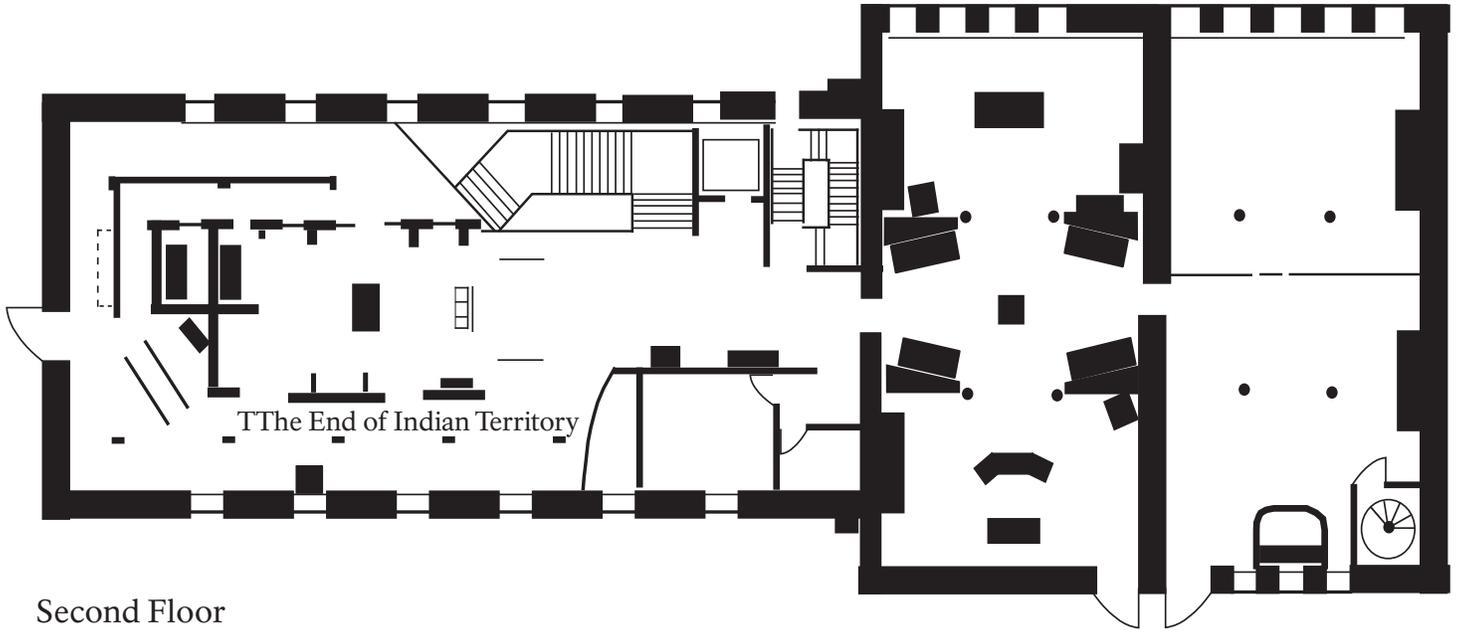


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Second Floor

The End of Indian Territory

The End of Indian Territory-The Boomers

Who were the Boomers and what did they do?

They were a group of people who illegally settled in Indian Territory. They tried to start the Oklahoma Colony.

The End of Indian Territory

Who was the Boomer leader?

David L. Payne

The End of Indian Territory

Why do you think the Boomers wanted to settle on Indian lands?

They had a desire for land and economy.

Economic Invasion of Indian Territory

What kind of technology brought change to the Indian Territory and how do you think American Indian's lives were affected?

The railroad. Non-Indian settlers moved in, Indians became a minority in their own land, and economic development.

Reassigning Tribal Land

What did congress do when the tribes did not agree to land allotment and what do you think about their actions?

It proceeded to divide Indian Land without approval. Opinion, answers will vary.

Breaking apart the Indian Territory

What was the 1887 act that destroyed tribal sovereignty and how did it accomplish this?

The General Allotment or Dawes Act.

By allotting 160 acres to individual Indians and selling the rest to non-Indian settlers.

Breaking apart the Indian Territory

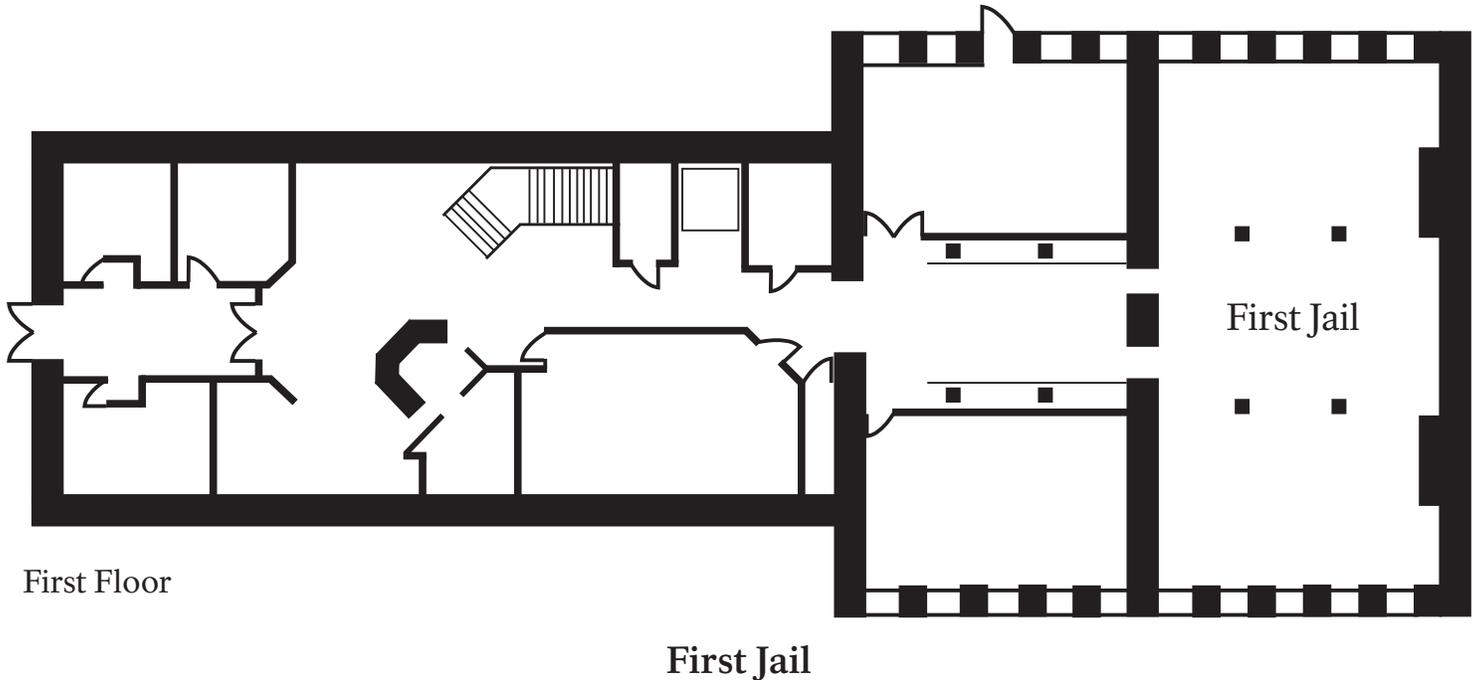
How do you think loss of tribal sovereignty and the large emigrant population from the United States affected the life and culture of American Indians?

Opinion, answers will vary.

What was the most interesting fact or item you discovered today?

Opinion, answers will vary.

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Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

Hell on the Border

Who was the journalist who criticized the jail and what did she say about it?

Anna Dawes. "What excuse has the government of the United States... for the existance and continuance of this scandal."

Hell on the Border

How many people could the jail hold?

30-50

Go into the jail for the remaining questions

The buckets in the fireplace on the left were the toilets, and the place to clean up was in the fireplace on the right. There is also a barrel for water with one cup to drink from. Visitors and lawyers would meet with the prisoners by standing in the room with the iron door. What needs to be done to make this a proper jail?

How much privacy do you think a prisoner had? Is that good or bad? Please explain.

There was no privacy at all. This is not good because you have to use the toilet and everyone can watch. Bullies cannot be separated from those they wish to pick on. If someone is sick they cannot separate them.

Do you think a lawyer and the person they are representing should have privacy? Explain your answer.

Yes, because they may not want to talk about certain parts of a case with other people listening. There maybe someone in the same room that they may be testifying against and that person should not hear the conversation. Another person could tell what they heard when it is supposed to be private.

What do you think this jail needs changed to make it a better place.
(Air conditioning and heat do not count).

Opinion, answers will vary.

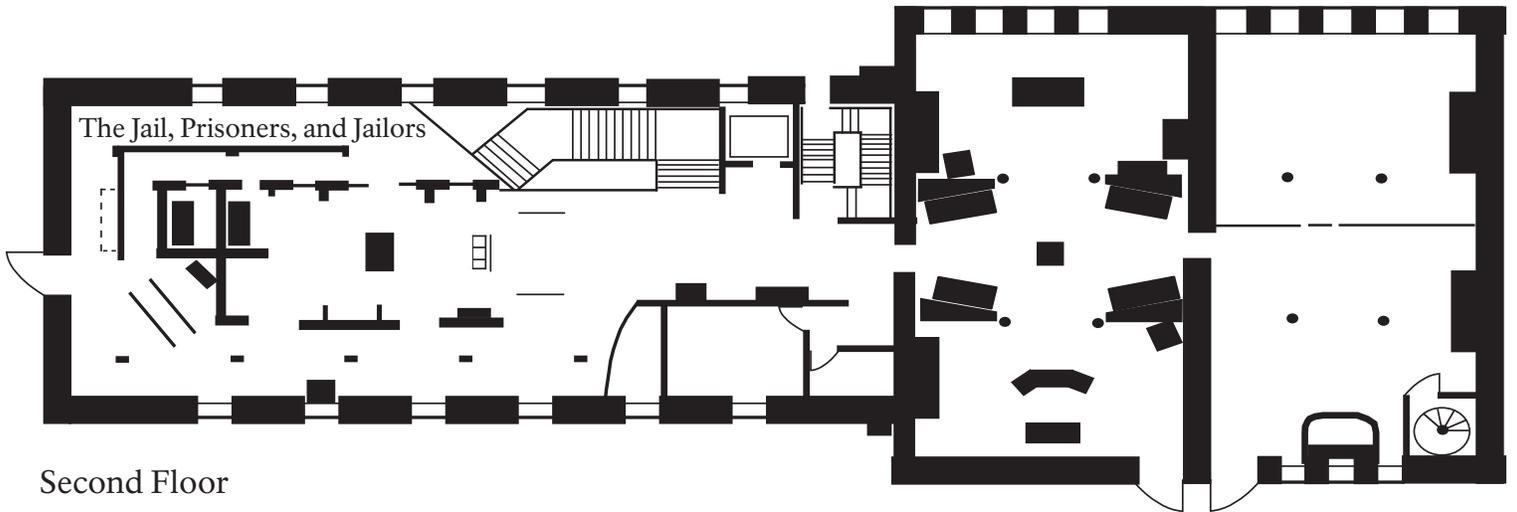
How should people in jail be treated? Remember, not all of the people in jail have been found guilty yet and may be innocent.

They should be in a clean environment. They should be safe from harm and bullies. They should be given decent food and healthcare.

What was the most interesting fact or item you discovered today?

Opinion, answers will vary.

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The Jail, Prisoners, and Jailors

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

The Jailors of Fort Smith

Explain who the men on the stairs are, what they do, and why they are wearing uniforms?

They are jailors. They take care of the prisoners. They keep the prisoners from escaping. They wear uniforms so they look different from the prisoners.

Life in an Iron Cage

Consider the number of prisoners that were in jail and describe what you think life was like for prisoners.

Dirty, boring, crowded, visits from family, press, religious groups, and attorneys. There were not work programs. The prisoners had nothing to occupy their time.

Making a Break For it

How did some prisoners escape?

Digging out the toilet to climb up the ventilation shafts and used blankets tied together to climb down the roof.

Making a Break For it

What kinds of things were smuggled into the jail?

Weapons, knives, pistol, knuck (brass knuckles), saw blades.

Women Behind Bars

Explain how a female prisoner's life might have been different than a man's.

They may have to give birth in jail, their children may be kept in the jail with them, and there was a danger of rape from the male jail guard.

The Jailors of Fort Smith

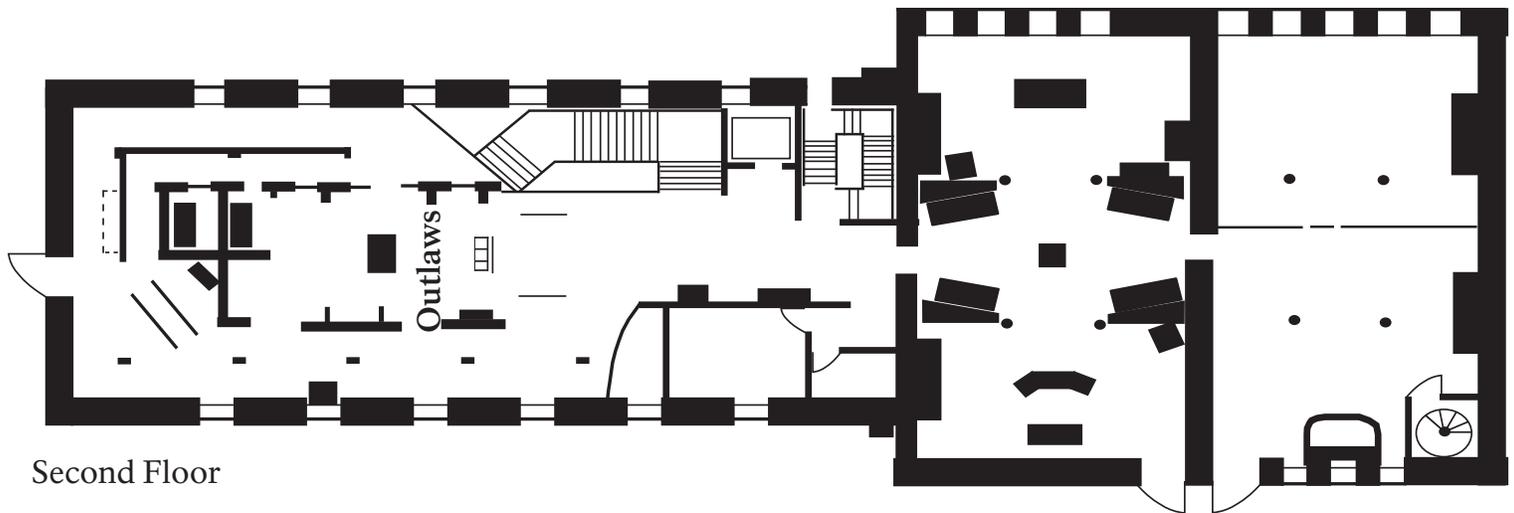
Based on what you have discovered, what are two challenges the jailors faced?

There were only 3-5 jailors for up to 200 men. They were in danger of attacks from prisoners.

What was the most interesting fact or item you discovered today?

Opinion, Answers will vary.

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Second Floor

Outlaws

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

Belle Starr Bandit Queen

After reading about Belle Starr and the crime she was convicted of, do you think she deserved to be called the bandit queen? Why or Why not?

Crime was Stealing a horse. Opinion, answers will vary.

Opinion, Answers will vary.

Youth Gangs

Describe what you see in the Rufus Buck Gang picture.

Opinion, Answers will vary. They people look very young. They men are chained together.

Youth Gangs-Cook Gang

List five different crimes that were committed in Indian Territory.

Smuggling whiskey, train robbery, murder, horse theft, stage hold ups.

Youth Gangs-Cook Gang

How are they similar to crimes today?

Opinion, Answers will vary.

Families in Crime-The Daltons(Backside of Youth Gangs)

Name four men who were lawmen that became criminals. Why do you think they became criminals?

Bob Dalton, Emmett Dalton, Grat Dalton, Bill Dalton.

Cherokee Bill's Last Victim

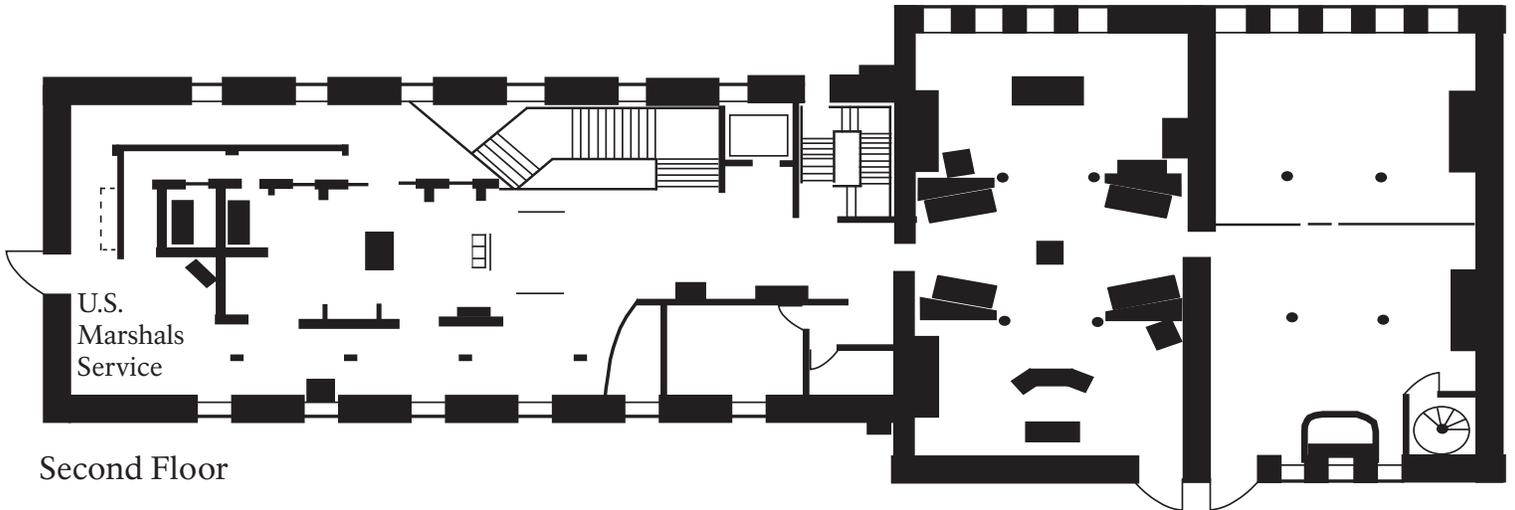
Cherokee Bill killed a jail guard who had a wife and two young children. Who was the jail guard and how do you think his death effected his family?

The jailers name was Larry Keating and the effect on his family is the student's opinion.

What was the most interesting fact or item you discovered today?

Opinion, Answers will vary

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U.S. Marshals Service

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

The Fee System

In the month of August a deputy marshal recorded the following trips so he could be paid at the end of the month. How much did he earn?

Trip one:

Traveled 50 miles $\$0.06 \times 50 = \3.00

Made six arrests $6 \times \$2.00 = \12.00

Traveled back with prisoners 50 miles $\$0.10 \times 50 = \5.00

Total Pay for trip one \$20.00

Trip two:

Traveled 100 miles no arrests made $100 \times 0 = 0$

Total pay for trip two \$0.00

Trip three:

Traveled 50 miles $\$0.06 \times 50 = \3.00

Delivered 10 subpoenas $\$0.50 \times 10 = \5.00

Traveled back alone 50 miles $\$0.06 \times 0 = \0.00

Total pay for trip three \$8.00

Total pay for the month of August \$28.00

Multiply your answer by 27 to find out how much that money is worth today.

*28*27=756 per month and 9,072 per year adjusted for inflation*

Did deputies make a lot of money?

No

Hazards of the Job

Describe their job. Was it safe or dangerous?

Opinion, answers will vary. However, it was very dangerous.

Fort Smith's Finest

What skills do you think a Deputy U.S. Marshal needed to do their job?

The Panel says several had been Civil War veterans and city police or worked for express companies, railroad security, and detective agencies. Some other skills could be tracking, shooting, horsemanship, camping, negotiator, patience, first aid, the law, Indian Languages, working with people of other races, respect for others, and map reading.

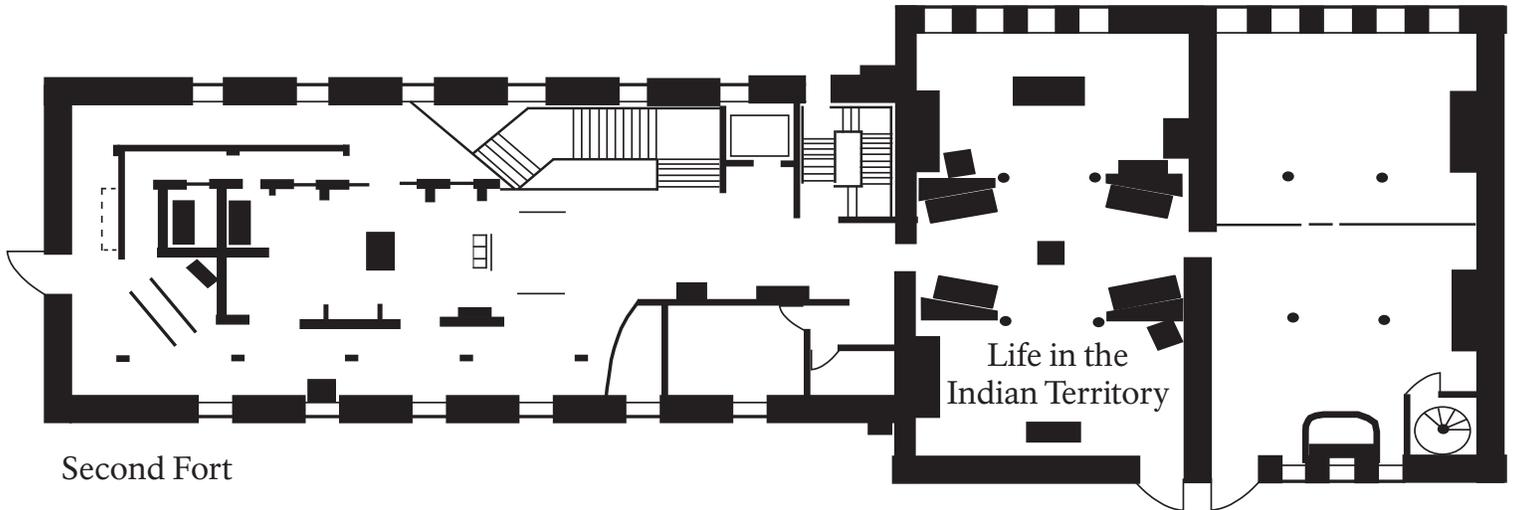
What careers can you think of that are similar to a Deputy U.S. Marshal?

Security guard, police officer, FBI, military police, sheriff, deputy, highway patrol, any law enforcement position, and they still have a

What was the most interesting fact or item you discovered today?

Opinion, answers will vary.

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Life in the Indian Territory

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

The Five Civilized Tribes

Compare the pictures of American Indians from different tribes. Describe any differences or similarities you see.

Opinion, Answers will vary. The objective is to have the students see that American Indian tribes are not all the same and have distinct identities.

On the orange wall next of the smaller T.V.

List ten tribes that lived in the Indian Territory.

Any of the tribes listed on the panel. There are 64 possible answers.

Life in the Indian Territory

Describe what you see in the pictures of students.

Opinion, answers will vary.

Life in the Indian Territory

Do they look like American Indians to you?

Opinion, answers will vary.

Life in the Indian Territory

Do you think their new way of life and clothing make them any less American Indian?

Opinion, answers will vary. The objective is for students to see that their life changed and to answer the question of identity for themselves. American Indians lives evolved just like anyone else's in the world. Being a particular ethnicity does not mean you must live and dress like your ancestors 200 years ago.

Life in the Indian Territory

Who operated the schools? Do you think their school is different from yours?

Reverend John C. Carr, Presbyterian missionaries, and teachers from New England. The last part is thier opinion. However, may see that American Indians were introduced to the culture of the white population

The Trail of Tears

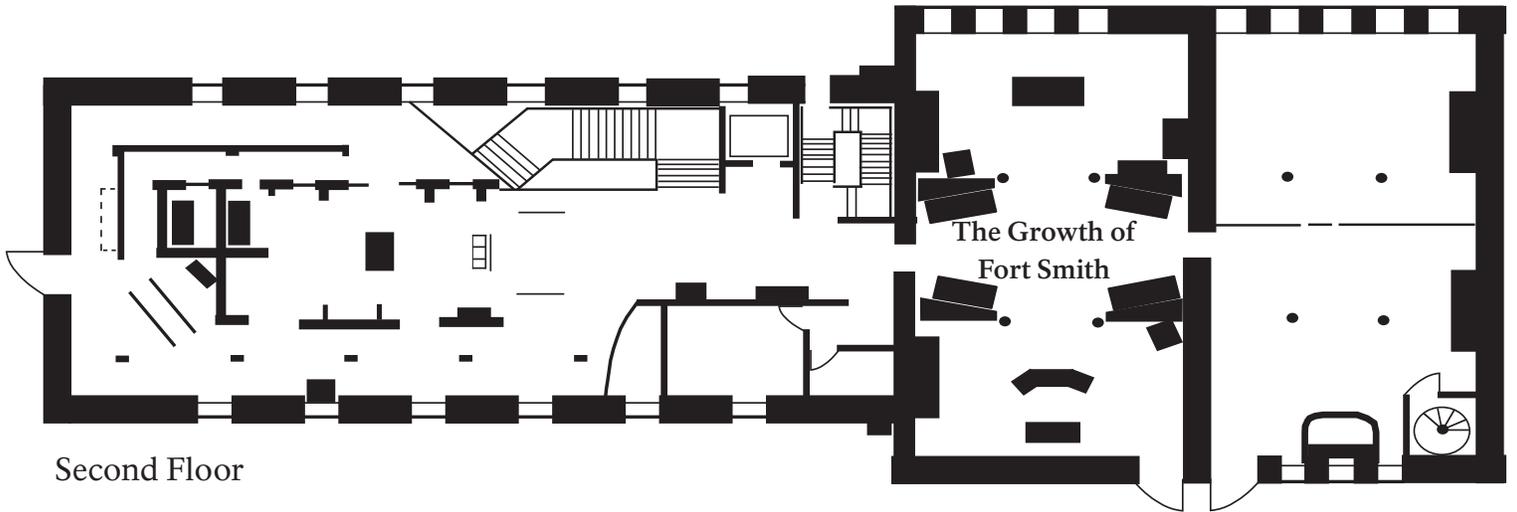
What was the congressional act that caused American Indian removal and who was the president who signed it.

Indian Removal Act 1830. Andrew Jackson

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Opinion, answers will vary.

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The Growth of Fort Smith

In this room there are four models that show how Fort Smith changed in the 1800s. The forts are in color while the city is represented with white rectangles. Use the first two models to answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

1822

Look at the model for the panel that says 1822.
Describe what you see.

Opinion, Answers will vary. Trees, a small fort, five buildings, Arkansas River, Poteau River etc.

1822

Look at the painted picture on the left side of the panel. (*Fort Smith 1821 by Samuel Seymour*)
Describe what the four men in the picture are doing.

Opinion, answers will vary. A man sitting and relaxing, a soldier on guard duty, men plowing with horses.

1822

Based on the picture what do you think life was like for the soldiers in Fort Smith at that time?

Opinion, answers will vary

1822

What were the soldiers supposed to do in Fort Smith?

To enforce federal Indian policy and maintain peace between the Osage and Cherokee.

1822-Population

How many people lived in the area at that time?

7-8 families and 64 soldiers.

Would you like to have lived in the wilderness far from your family for several years?

Opinion, answers will vary. The objective is for students to think about the isolation these soldiers faced.

1856

Look at the model and describe the differences between this fort and the earlier one.

A larger fort, a town, bigger buildings, fewer trees, etc.

1856-Population

How many people lived in the area in 1850?

964

1856

How did Zachary Taylor feel about Fort Smith?

He thought it was a useless expenditure of money and labor. He wanted it closed.

What do you think would have happened to the city of Fort Smith if President Taylor had been successful in stopping construction of the fort?

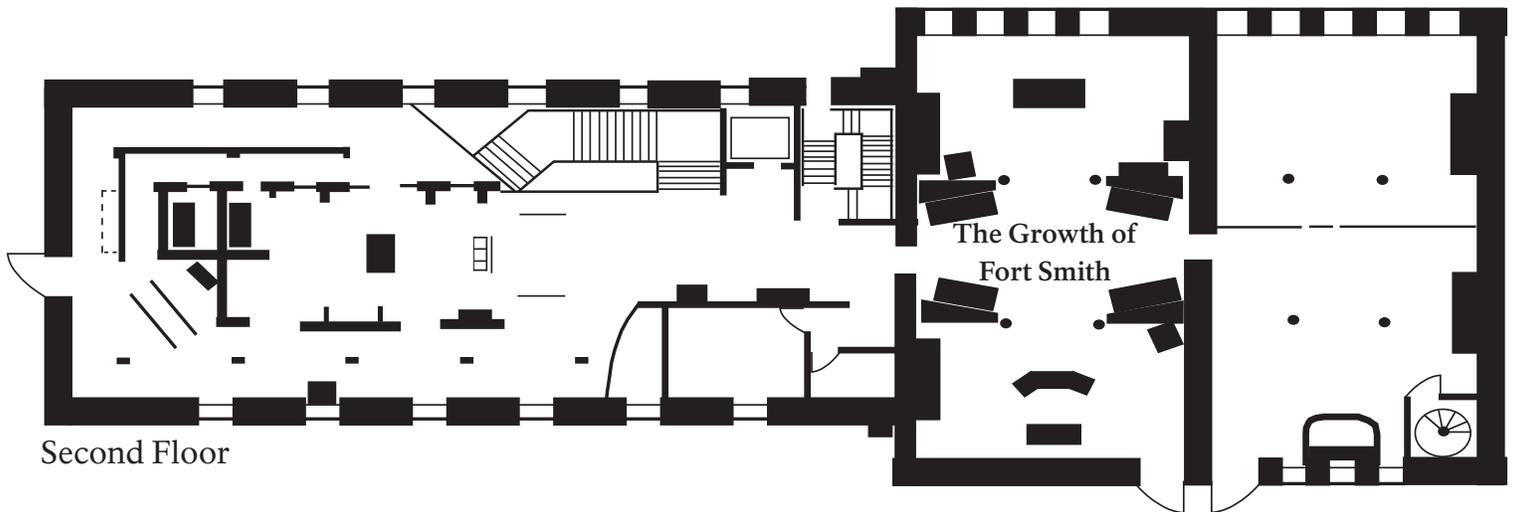
Opinion, answers will vary.

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Opinion, answers will vary.

Answers 7-12

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1864-Supply and Fortify

How did the military use the fort during the Civil War?

To store food, supplies, and provide safety.

1864

Look at the model of the Fort. Can you point out the building you are standing in right now?

It is the single story building in the middle of the fort.

1864-Fort Smith Parade Grounds with Union Encampment

Why do you think the soldiers were living in tents when there are buildings?

Because there were a lot of soldiers and not enough room for them in the buildings.

1864-Population

How many people lived in the area in 1860?

1532

1864-Defense Line Around Fort Smith

On the lower right side of the model is a smaller model of the area showing a smaller version of the fort and the city. Why do you think there is a brown wall surrounding everything and why were all of the trees cut down?

The wall protects the town from attack and the trees are cut down to make it difficult for the enemy to sneak up on the fort.

1891

Looking at the model, describe some changes you see in the fort and the city.

Railroad, bridge, missing buildings, new red building out side of the fort (This is the new courthouse, built in 1890) and changes in the buildings. Opinion, answers will vary.

1891

How many buildings are missing?

7

1891-Fort

What is the fort being used for in this model?

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas.

1891-Population

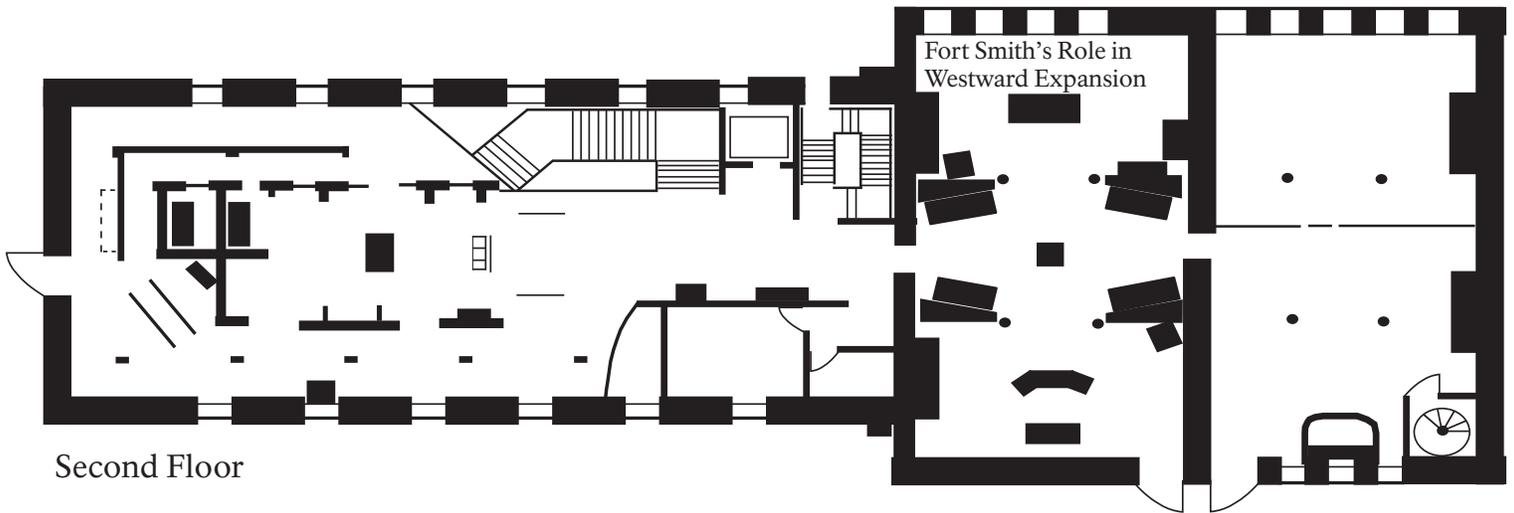
How many people live in the area in 1890?

11,311

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Opinion, answers will vary.

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Fort Smith's Role in Westward Expansion

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

The Long Expedition, 1819-1820

Why do you think Major Steven Long took scientists with him?

To learn about geology and natural history

The Long Expedition, 1819-1820

Major Long and his team traveled from Fort Smith to the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. Examine the picture and describe what you think it would have been like to travel in the Rocky Mountain Expedition.

Opinion, Answers will vary.

The Long Expedition, 1819-1820

What was the main purpose of this expedition

To learn about what would become the western United States.

The Gold Rush, 1849

What caused people to move to California?

The Discovery of gold in California.

The Gold Rush, 1849

Why was Fort Smith important in the Gold Rush?

A "Jumping off" place to purchase supplies.

The Gold Rush, 1849

List at least 8 items people took with them on the Gold Rush.

Pick, shovel, pan, rifle, ammunition, flour, bacon, salt, soup, tea kettle, knives, fish, and sausage.

The Gold Rush, 1849

What are some of the states people traveled from?

Arkansas, New York, Ohio, Maine, and Pennsylvania.

The Pacific Railroad Survey, 1853

Why did some people want a transcontinental railroad built?

For economic development, to connect the east and west, to preserve the integrity of the Union, to keep the United States unified.

The Pacific Railroad Survey, 1853

What conflict arose that postponed the transcontinental railroad?

Conflict between the North and South or the Civil War.

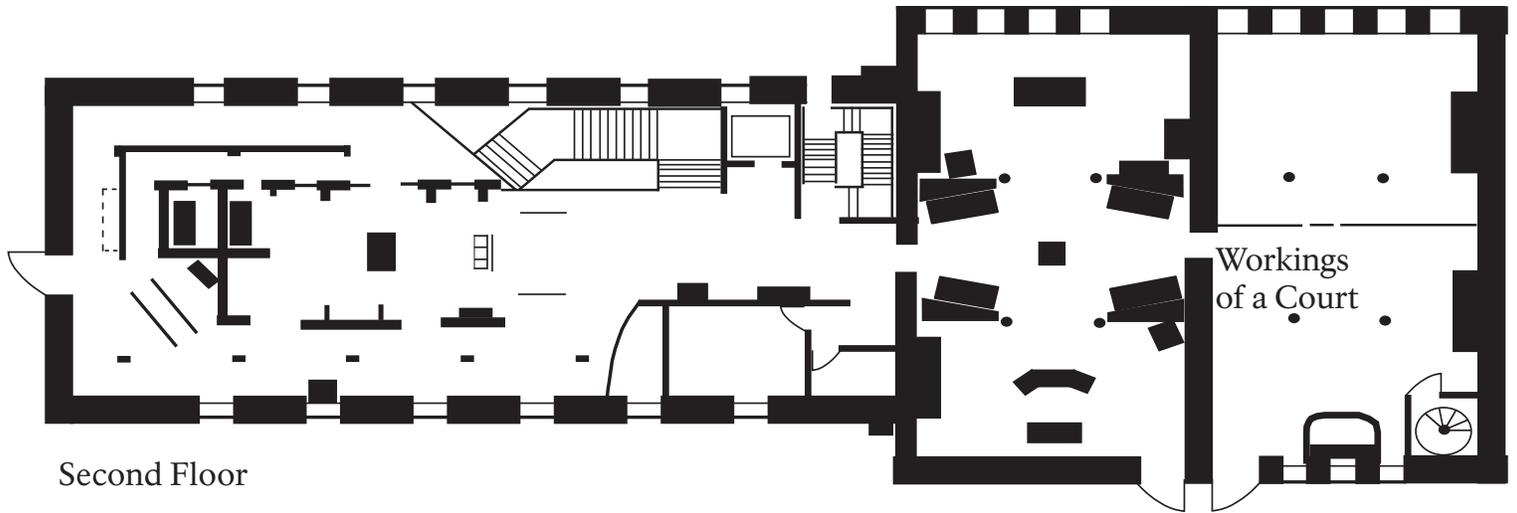
The Pacific Railroad Survey, 1853

What kinds of skills do you think were needed by the men conducting the railroad survey?

Understanding of science, engineering, hunting, math, how to use a compass, and how to take care of their animals.

What was the most interesting fact or item you discovered today?

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Workings of a Court

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

From Arrest to Trial

List the steps taken between a crime being committed and punishment.

Complaint, arrested, hearing, grand jury, jury trial.

From Arrest to Trial and Workings of the Court

List and describe three jobs in the courtroom.

District Judge: Held ultimate authority and controlled judicial proceedings.

Assistant District Attorney: Prosecute cases

Defense Attorney: Defends the rights of the accused

Clerk: Chief record keeper.

Commissioner: Took complaints, issued warrants.

Juror: They determined the guilt or innocence.

United States Marshal: Chief law enforcement officer and chief financial officer.

Fort Smith Courthouse 1972-1889

Look at the picture of Judge Parker's courtroom. Describe what you see and what is your impression of how Judge Parker?

Opinion, answers will vary.

A Week in the Court

During the week of November 17, 1882, who was sentenced to prison in Detroit (Michigan) and what were their crimes.

Sunday and Barney Lucy - Guilty of Larceny sentenced to 1 year at Detroit House of Corrections

Matt Russell - Acquitted of Larceny

Jerry Lewis - Plead guilty to introducing liquor into Indian Territory 2 hour in Jail and a \$10 fine (\$270 today)

Jacob M. Halstead - Guilty of cutting timber on Government land 2 hour in Jail and a \$10 fine (\$270 today)

Jordan Kingsbury - Tried for murder jury found him guilty of manslaughter Byngton Brown and John Lemons - tried for larceny

Brown acquitted Lemons guilty 1 year at Detroit House of Corrections

Wm Brown - Guilty of retail liquor sale

18 months at Detroit House of Corrections

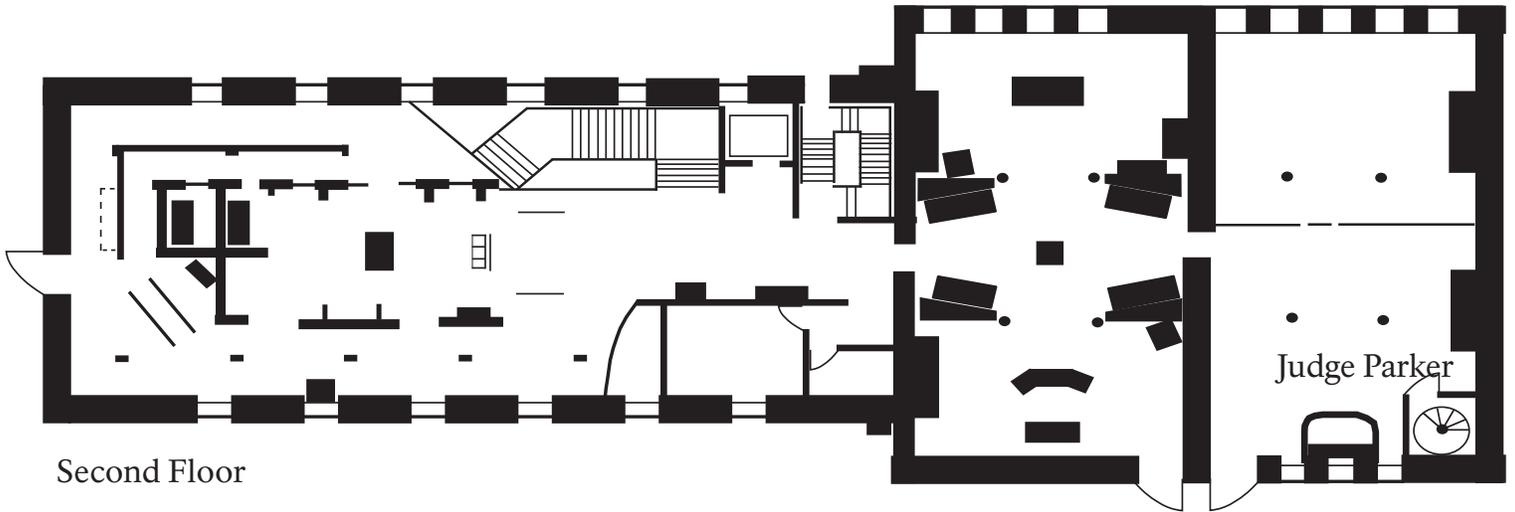
Murder trail of John Jacobs started

Eight trials in one week -busy

Larceny - the taking away of the personal goods of another with intent for the taker's own use. Stealing.

What was the most interesting fact or item you discovered today?

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Judge Parker

Answer the questions below and be ready to share what you discovered with members of your group.

Look at the painting of Judge Parker above the fireplace and the picture on the *Judge Parker Presiding* panel.

Describe how they are different.

He is older and looks unhealthy.

Attorney, Politician, Judge

List four jobs Judge Parker did before becoming a Federal Judge in Fort Smith

City Attorney

US House of Representatives

State Attorney

State Judge

Union militia (rank of corporal)

Attorney, Politician, Judge

What was Parker's wife and children's names?

Mary O'Tool, Charles, and James.

Answers 7-12

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US Congressman

What did Judge Parker use the small desk next to the exit for?

For the U.S. House of Representatives.

What symbols on this desk can you find that represents the United States?

Shields, stars, and the two spheres say that America.

Defender of Justice

What did Judge Parker believe punishment was for?

To lift a man up; to stamp out his bad nature, and wicked disposition (Reform criminals).

Based on what you have read, what kind of man do you think Judge Parker was?

Opinion, answers will vary.

Hanging Judge and Judge Parker Presiding

Should he be called the Hanging Judge? Why or why not.

Opinion, answers will vary.

What was the most interesting fact or item you discovered today?