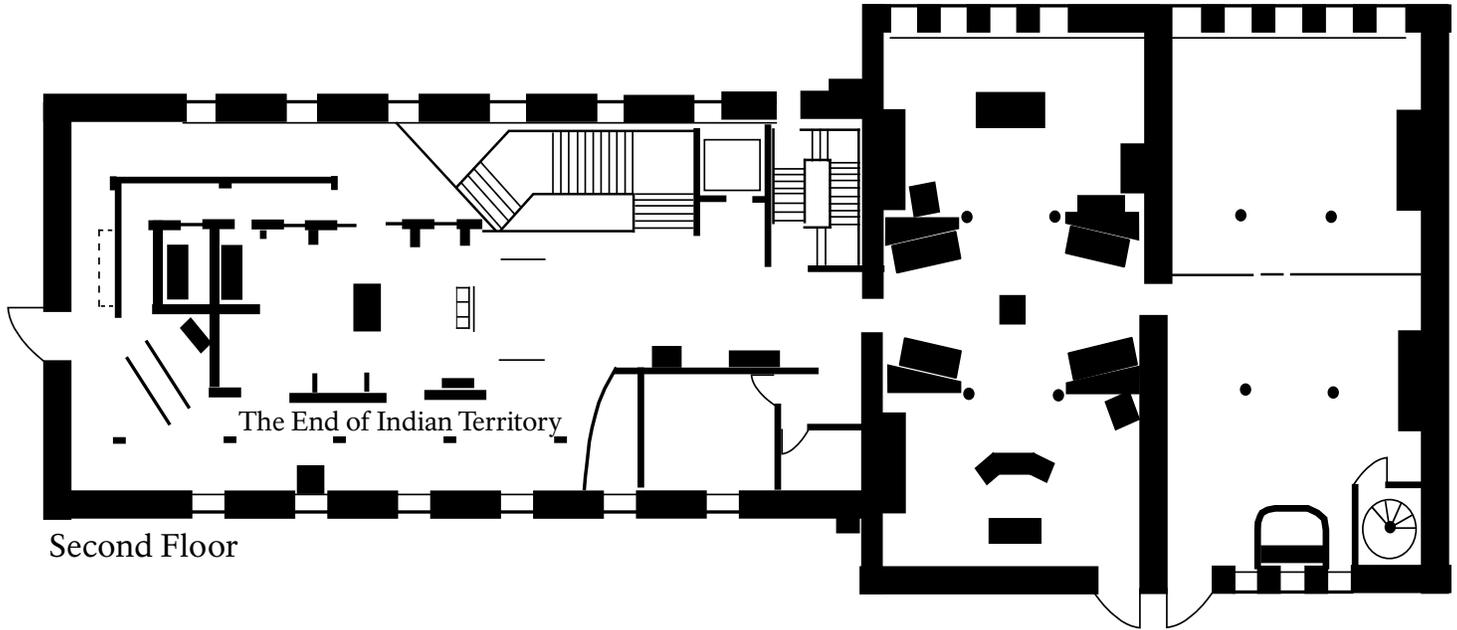


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## The End of Indian Territory

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

### *Economic Invasion of Indian Territory*

What kind of technology brought change to Indian Territory and how do you think American Indians lives were effected?

### *Reassigning Tribal Land*

Look at the map of Indian Territory labeled 1866-1889 and find the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad. What tribal lands did that railroad go through?

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*Reassigning Tribal Land*

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

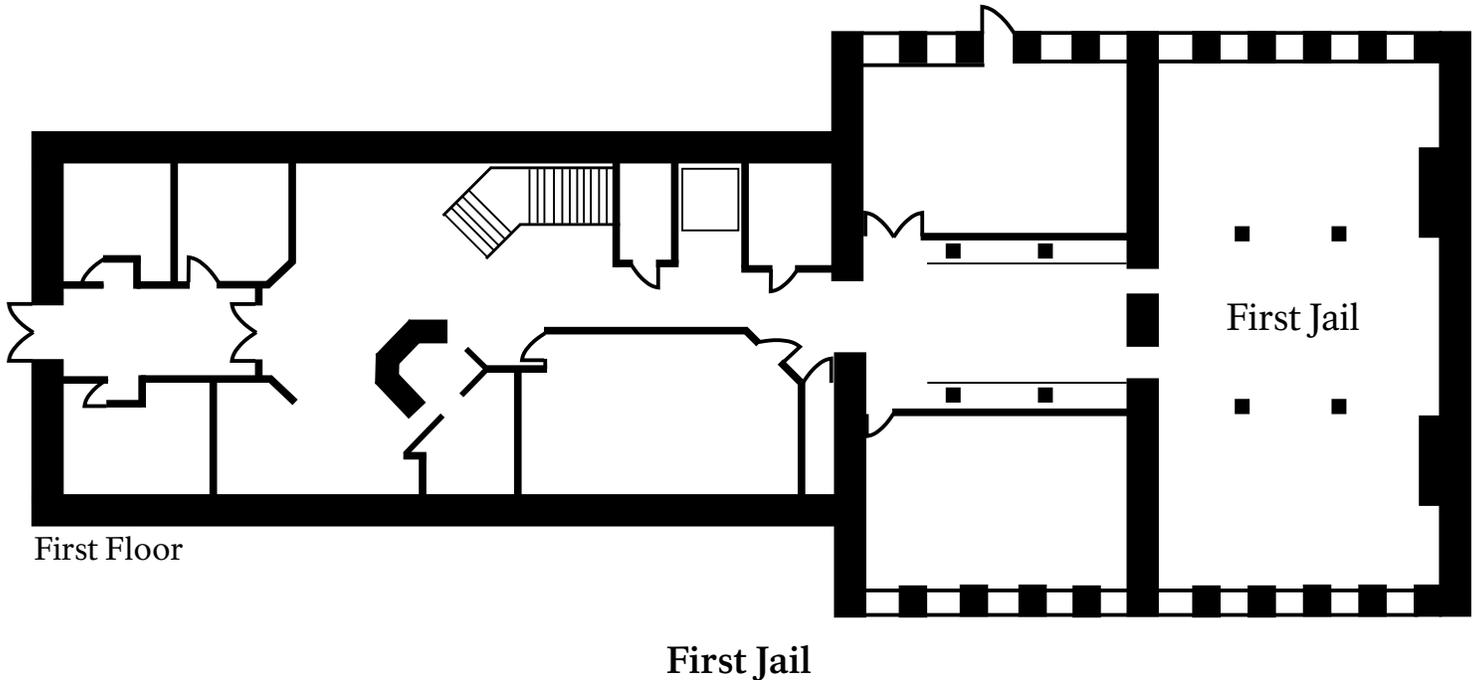
*Bonus Question*

*Reassigning Tribal Land*

How many tribes are in the map labeled 1866-1889?

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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 think was wrong with it?

## *Hell on the Border*

How many people could the jail hold?

## *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.

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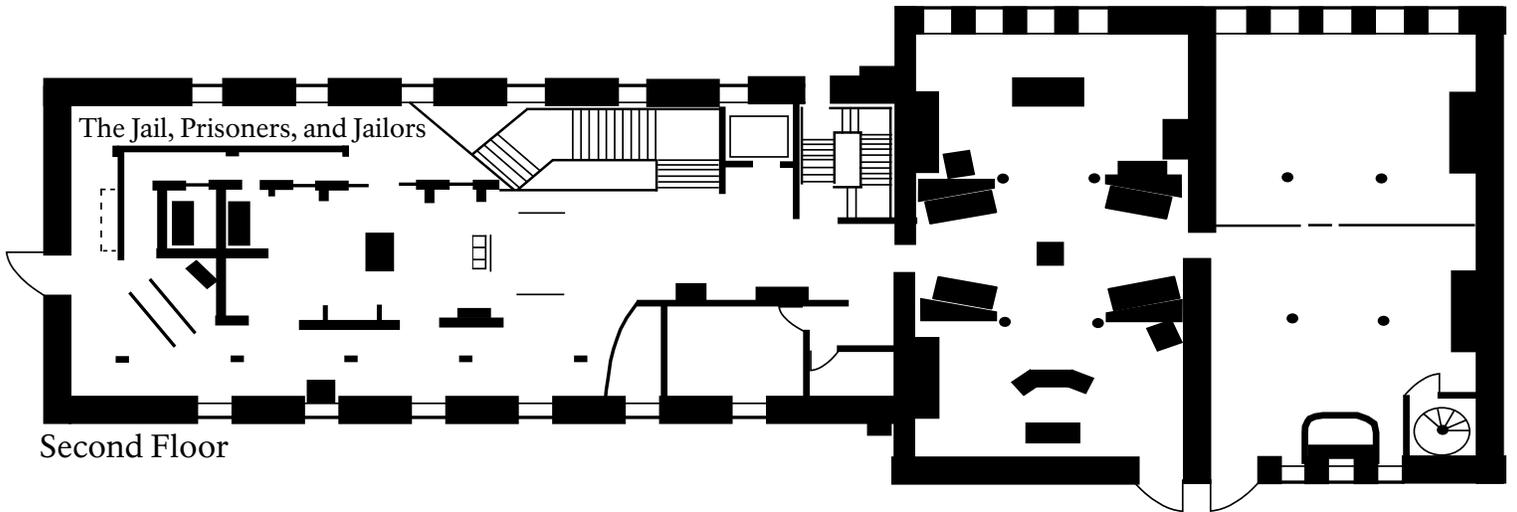
What do you think this jail needs changed to make it a better place.  
*(Air conditioning and heat do not count).*

***Bonus Questions***

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

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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?

### *Life in an Iron Cage*

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

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*Making a Break For it*

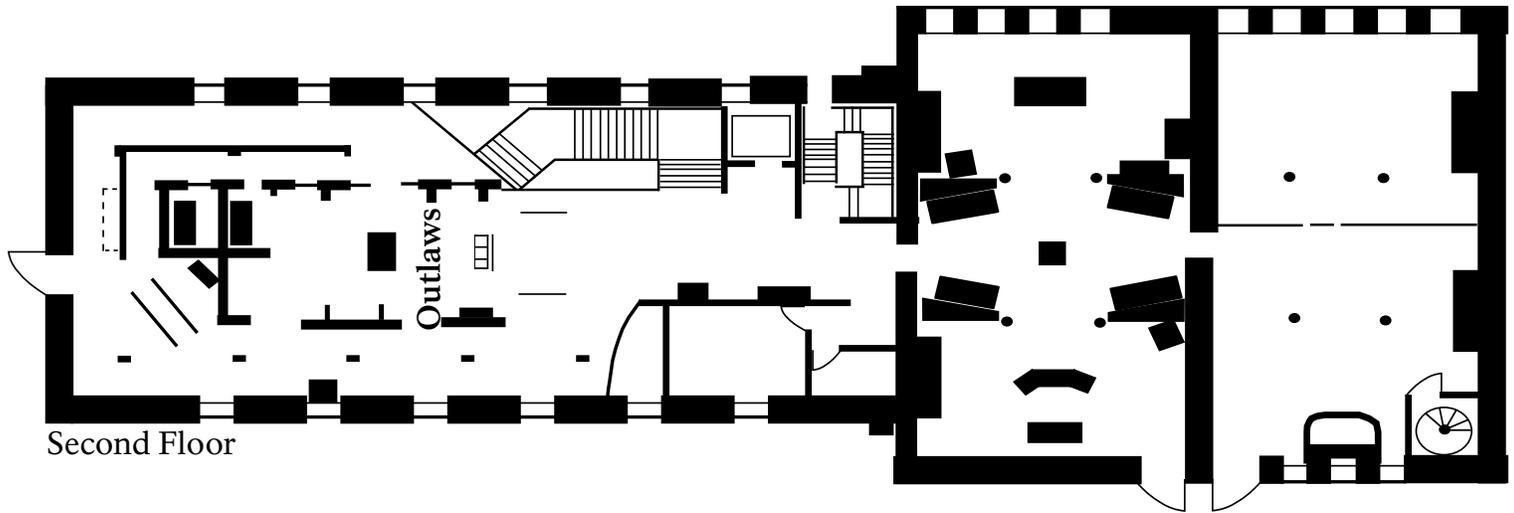
What kinds of things were smuggled into the jail?

*Bonus Questions*

What do you think it was like to be a jailor with so many dangerous people here?

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## 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?

### *Youth Gangs - Cook Gang*

List five different crimes that were committed in Indian Territory.

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### *Youth Gangs*

How are the crimes committed today similar to crimes in the Indian Territory?

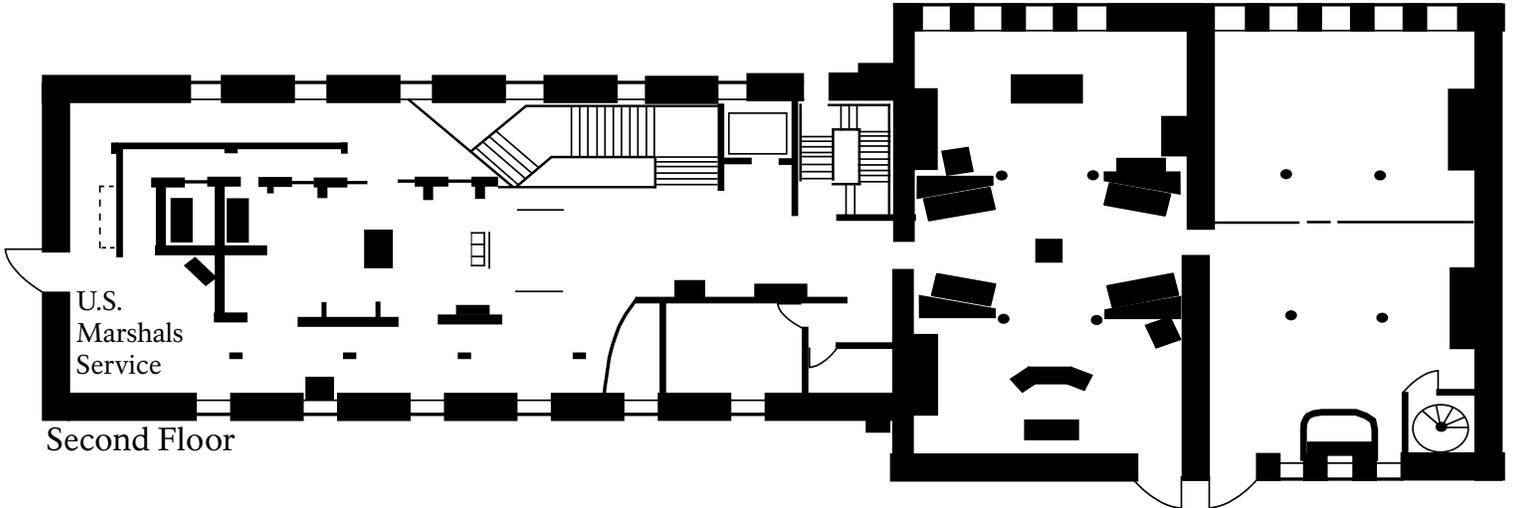
### *Bonus Questions*

#### *Cherokee Bill's Hanged Cherokee Bill's Last Victim*

Who was the criminal who killed a jail guard, and what was the guard's name?

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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? Read the part under *The Fee System* to find out how much they were paid for arrests, subpoenas, and mileage.

#### **Trip one:**

Traveled 50 miles \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Made six arrests \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Traveled back with prisoners 50 miles \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Pay for trip one \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Trip two:**

Traveled 100 miles no arrests made \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total pay for trip two \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Trip three:**

Traveled 50 miles \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered 10 subpoenas \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Traveled back alone 50 miles \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total pay for trip three \_\_\_\_\_

Total pay for the month of August \_\_\_\_\_

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### *The Fee System*

Multiply total pay for August by 27 to find out how much that money is worth today.

### *Hazards of the Job*

Describe what a deputy's job was like. Was it safe or dangerous?

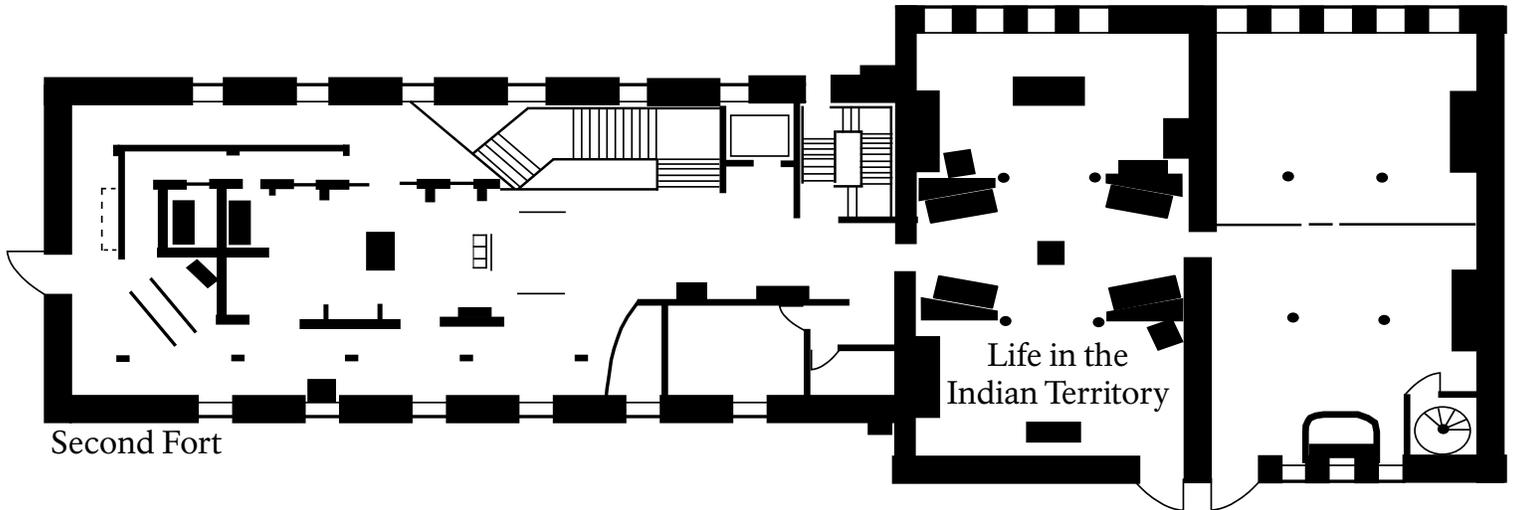
### *Bonus Questions*

#### *Fort Smith's Finest*

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

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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.

*Look for a long list of tribes*

List ten tribes that lived in the Indian Territory.

*Life in the Indian Territory*

Describe what you see in the pictures of students.

Do they look like American Indians to you?

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Does their new way of life and clothing make them any less American Indian?

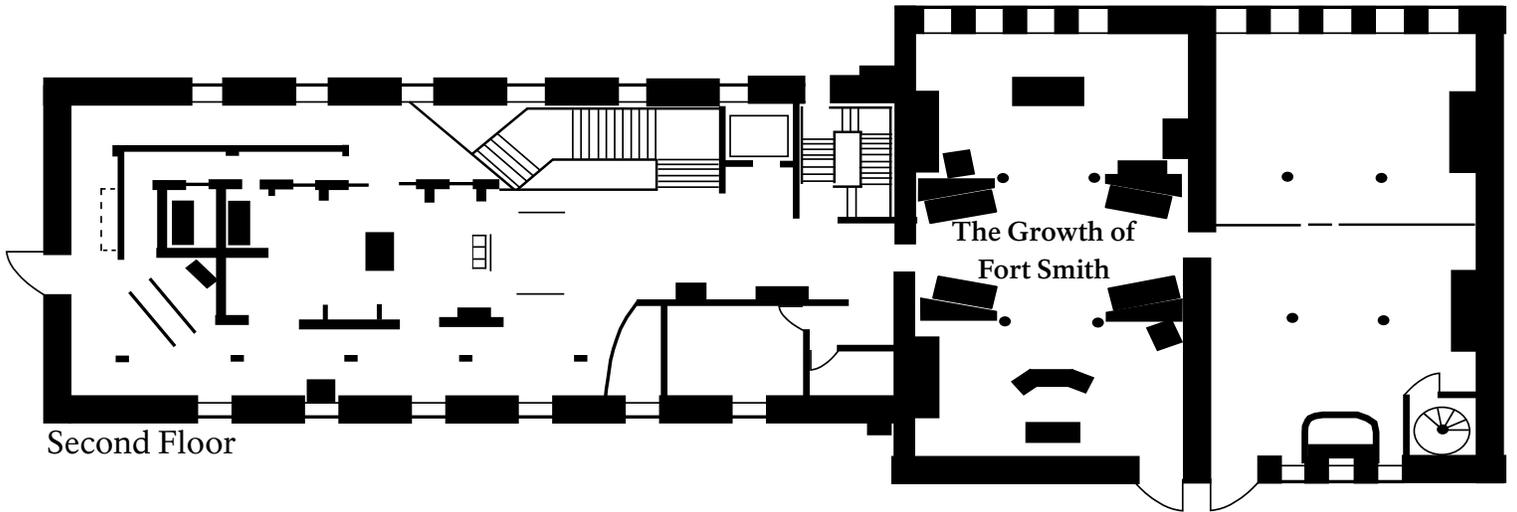
*Bonus Question*

*The Trail of Tears*

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

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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  
Describe what you see.

**1822**

Why were the soldiers sent to build Fort Smith?

**1822**

How many people lived in the area at that time?

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**1856**

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

**1856**

How many people lived in the area at this time?

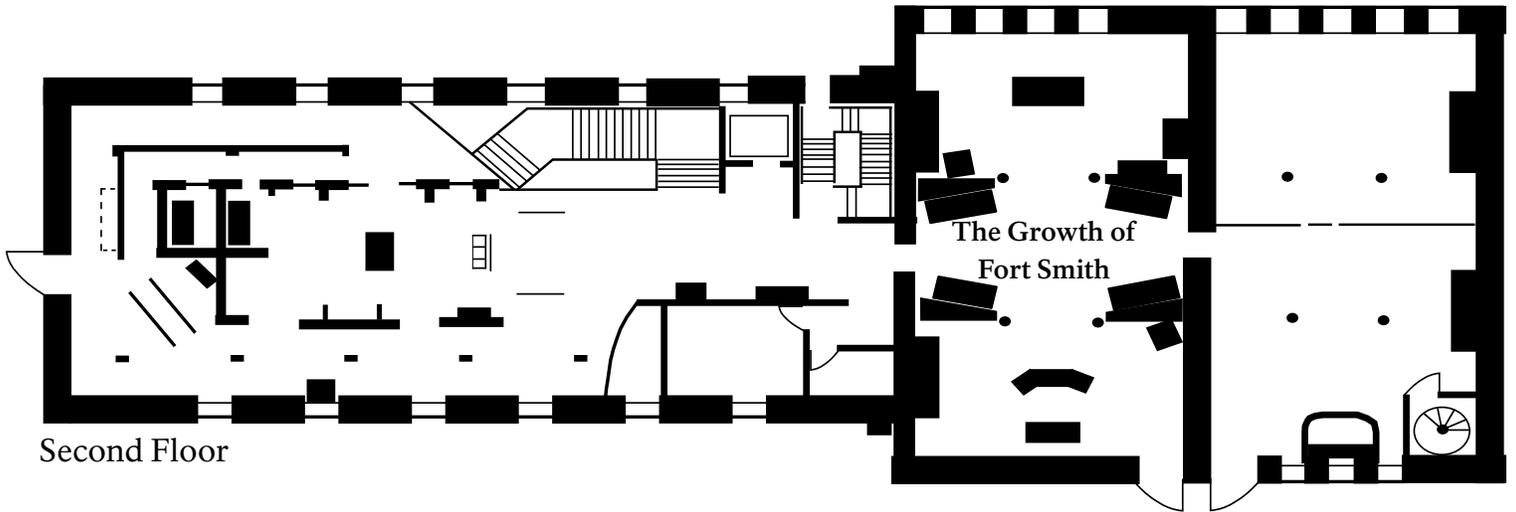
***Bonus Question***

**1856**

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?

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## The Growth of Fort Smith

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**1864**

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

**1864**

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

**1864**

How many people lived in the area in 1864?

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**1891**

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

**1891**

What are the remaining buildings in the fort being used for in this model?

**1891**

How many people live in the area?

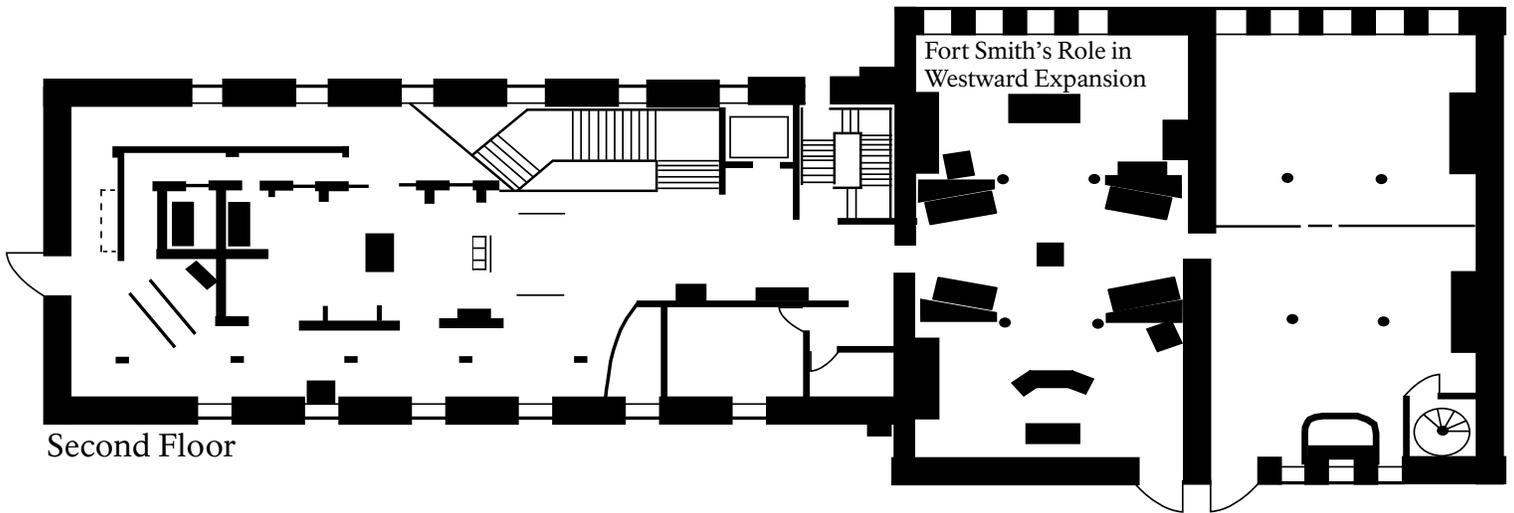
### ***Bonus Questions***

**1864**

What do you think it was like to live in Fort Smith during the Civil War?

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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?

### *The Long Expedition 1819-1820*

What was the main purpose of this expedition?

### *The Gold Rush 1849*

What caused people to move to California?

### *The Gold Rush 1849*

Why was Fort Smith important in the Gold Rush?

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*The Pacific Railroad Survey 1853*

Why did some people want a transcontinental railroad built?

*The Pacific Railroad Survey 1853*

What conflict arose that postponed the transcontinental railroad?

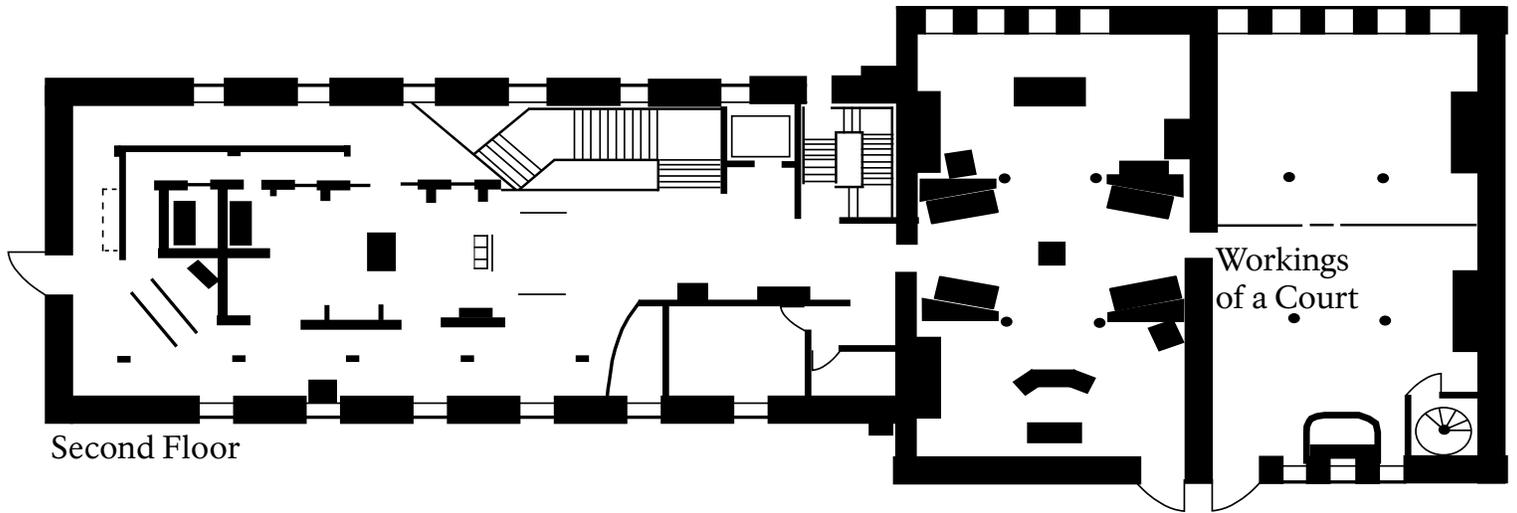
*Bonus Questions*

*The Pacific Railroad Survey 1853*

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

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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.

### *From Arrest to Trial and Workings of the Court*

List and describe three jobs in the courtroom.

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*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?

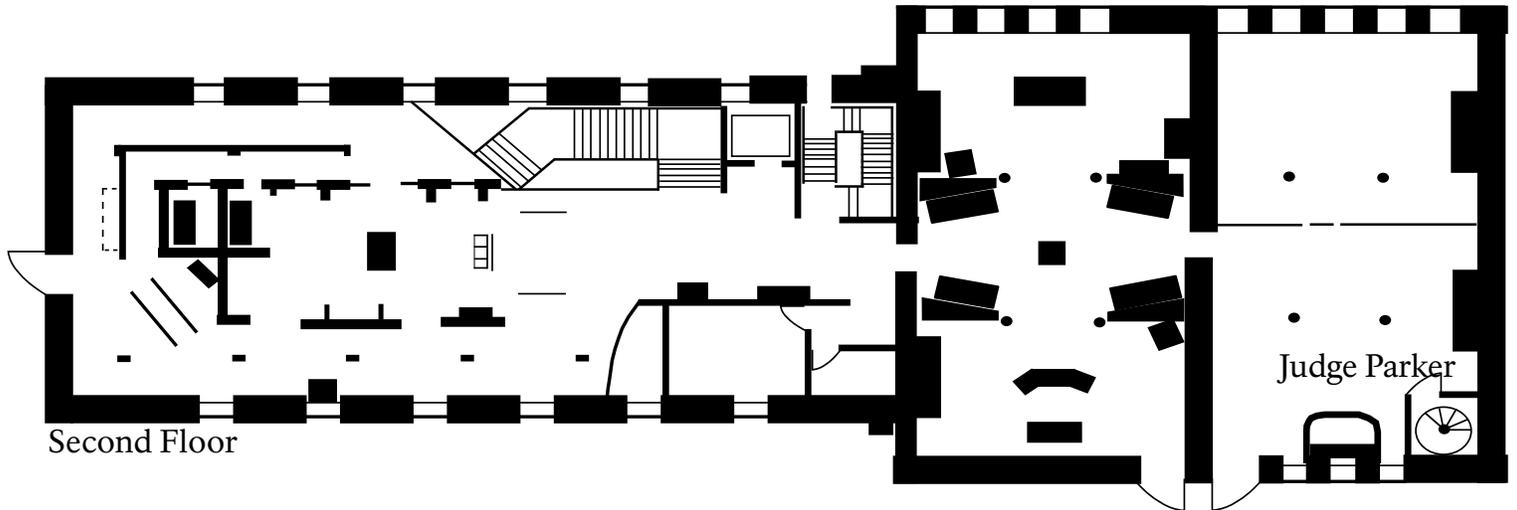
*Bonus Questions*

*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.

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## Judge Parker

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

*Attorney, Politician, Judge*

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

*Defender of Justice*

What did Judge Parker believe punishment was for?

*Hanging Judge and Judge Parker Presiding*

Should he be called the hanging judge? Why or why not.

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## *Bonus Questions*

### *US Congressman*

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

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