

Discovering Fort Smith - Solo Expedition

Using the exhibits on the first and second floors to answer the following.

First Jail

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. What does this room look like to you?

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

The Jail, Prisoners, and Jailors

The Jailors of Fort Smith

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

Making a Break For it

How did prisoners try to escape?

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What kinds of things were smuggled into the jail?

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 _____ 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 _____

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

Did deputies make a lot of money?

Describe a US Deputy Marshal's job and was it a safe or dangerous job?

The End of Indian Territory

Economic Invasion of Indian Territory

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

Reassigning Tribal Land

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

Outlaws

Youth Gangs

Describe what you see in the Rufus Buck Gang picture.

Youth Gangs - Cook Gang

List five different crimes that were committed in Indian Territory.

How are they similar to crimes today?

The Growth of Fort Smith

1822

Why were the soldiers stationed in Fort Smith?

How many people lived in the area at that time?

1857

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

How did Zachary Taylor feel about Fort Smith?

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?

1864

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

1891

How is the old fort site being used from 1872-1890

How many people live in the area?

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Life in the Indian Territory

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?

Fort Smith's Role in Westward Expansion

The Long Expedition 1819-1820

What was the main purpose of this expedition?

The Gold Rush 1849

Why was Fort Smith important in the Gold Rush?

The Pacific Railroad Survey 1853

Why did some people want a transcontinental railroad built?

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Workings of a Court

From Arrest to Trial

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

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.

Judge Parker

Attorney, Politician, Judge

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

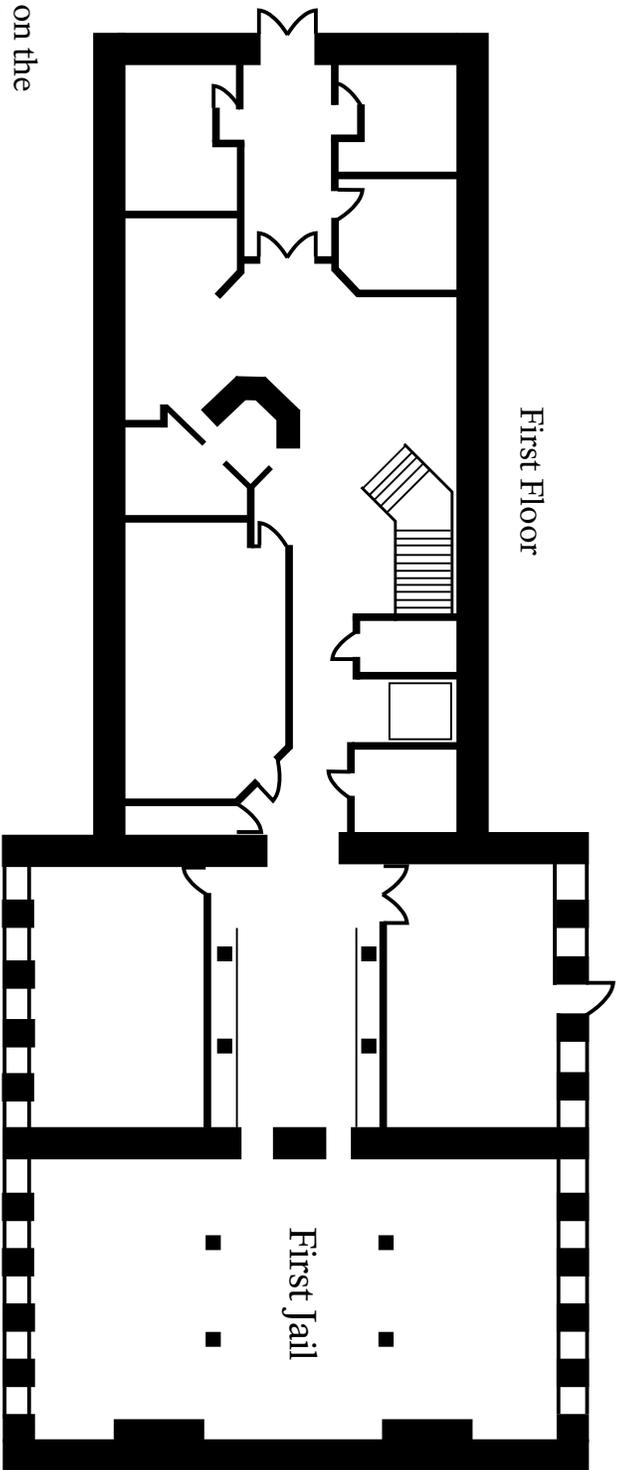
Defender of Justice

What did Judge Parker believe punishment was for?

Fort Smith Courthouse 1872-1889

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

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



The headings on the map corresponds to the headings on the handout. Use map to locate the information you are looking for.

