

Kansas Field Trips and Unit Study Ideas

For Geography and History

Kansas is full of fascinating historical events and places to visit.

I suggest having several blank or black line maps of Kansas and the surrounding states for each of your students available.

You will either need to go to the library or plan to spend some time with your children researching online for the information needed to complete this short unit.

Mapping Exercises:

Label these major cities in all capital letters:

- Wichita
- Topeka
- Kansas City
- Dodge City
- Hutchinson
- Lawrence
- Manhattan
- Garden City
- Abilene
- Larned
- Liberal
- Coffeerville
- Medicine Lodge

Place a Purple Triangle on Mount Sunflower

Label and Draw these Rivers if not on your map:

- Republican
- Arkansas
- Saline
- Smoky Hill
- Missouri

Label these trails that traveled through and around Kansas:

- Oregon Trail (red)
- Santé Fe Trail (Green)
- Lewis and Clark Trail (Purple)
- Cattle Drive Trails (Brown)

Print off a road map, which includes the state/states you will be traveling through to get to the Teach Them Diligently Convention.

Help your children label your route.

Label stops along the way

Here is a list of places you might like to visit if you are traveling through Kansas, if you visit them, label them on your map:

- Fort Larned Historical Site
- Santé Fe Trail Museum near Larned
- Pawnee Rock near Larned
- Boothill in Dodge City
- Cowtown in Wichita
- Exploration Place in Wichita

- Abilene has several places to visit (check online)
- Topeka is the State Capital
- Underground Salt Museum in Hutchinson
- Cosmosphere in Hutchinson
- Kansas Learning Center for Health in Halstead
- Sternburg Museum in Hays
- Little House on the Prairie Museum in Independence
- Visit KansasTravel.org for more ideas

Historical People and Facts to Study:

- Pioneers
- Settlers on the Prairie
- Indians
- Salt Mines (more science)
- Air Travel and Kansas
- Cattle Drives
- Agriculture
- State Symbols, Flag and Seal
- Post Rock (Fence Posts made out limestone)
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Prohibition
- Carrie Nation
- Temperance Movement
- Amelia Earhart
- Wyatt Earp
- Dalton Gang (Museum near Meade)
- Buffalo Bill
- John Brown

- William Allen White

Websites of Interest:

- <http://www.LegendsofKansas.com>
- <http://www.kshs.org>
- <http://littlehouseontheprairiemuseum.com>
- <http://www.kansasheritage.org>
- <http://www.kansashistory.us/>
- <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/history/>
- <http://www.travelks.com>