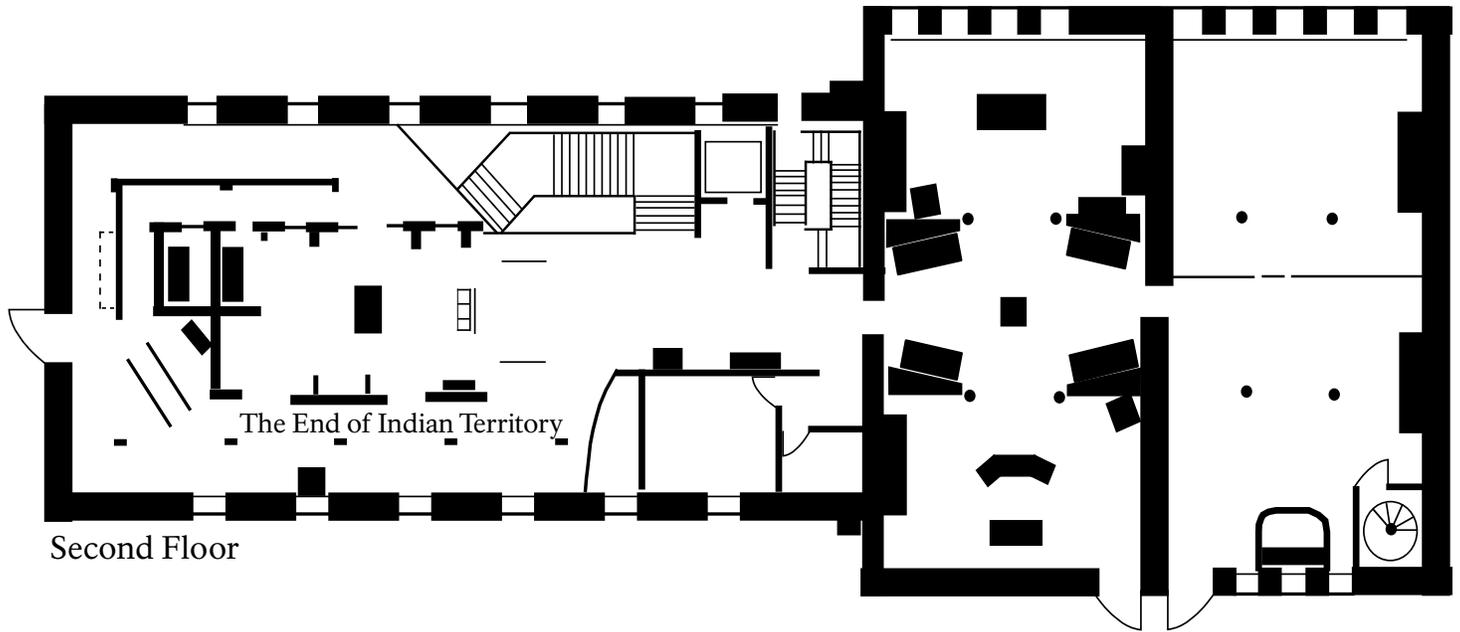


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## The End of Indian Territory

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?

*The railroad non-indian settlers moved in and Indians became a minority in their own land*

### *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?

*The Cherokee, Creek, and Choctaw.*

*Continue on the other side of the page*

***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 and opinion, answers will vary.*

***Bonus Question***

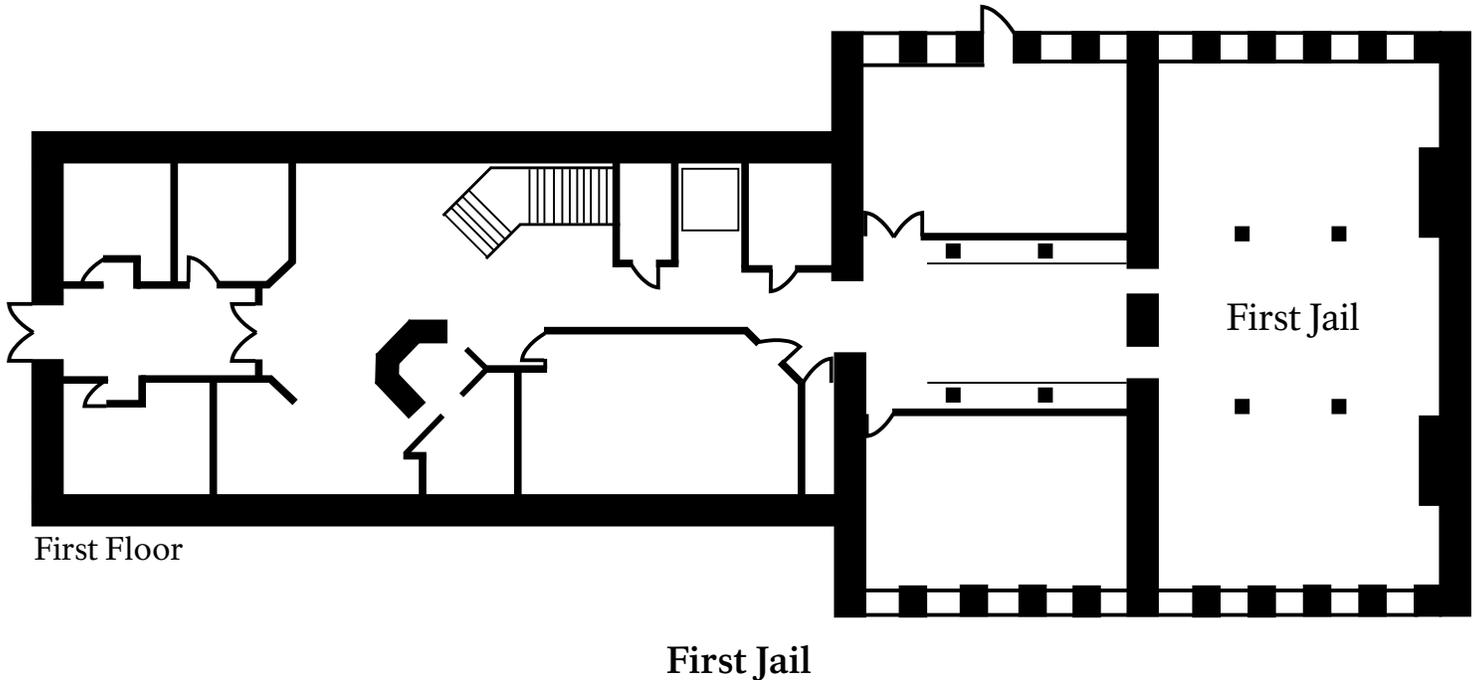
***Reassigning Tribal Land***

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

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?

*Anna Dawes*

## *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.

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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*).

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

### ***Bonus Questions***

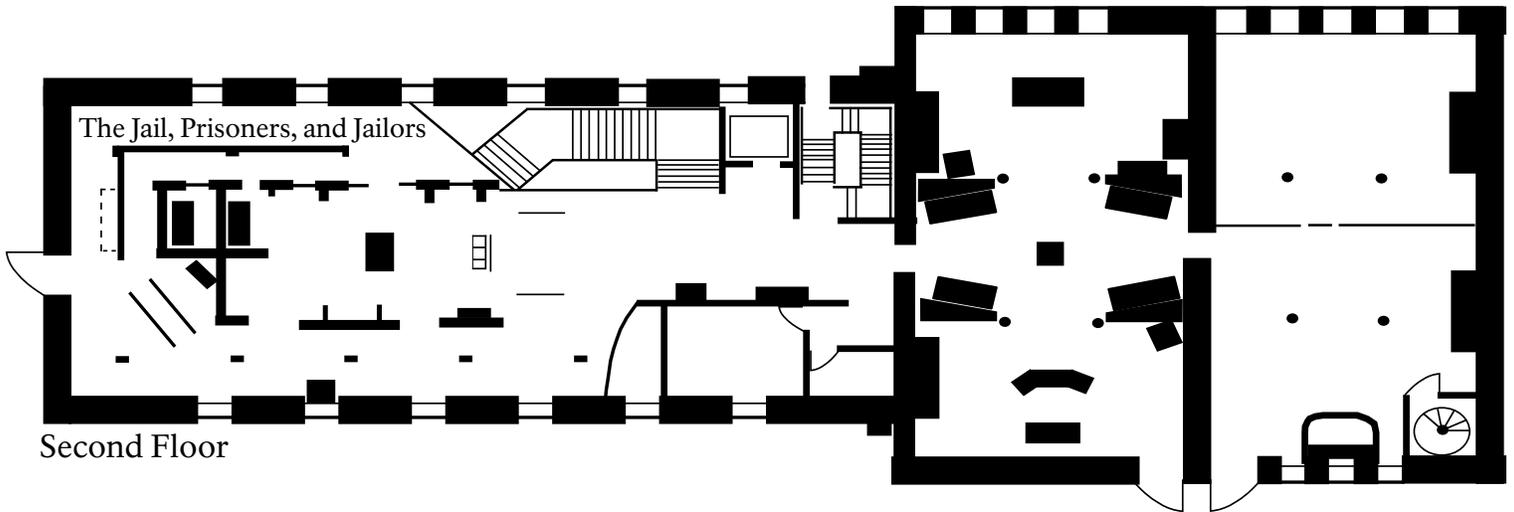
How should people in jail be treated? Remember, not all of the people in jail have been found guilty yet and may be innocent.

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

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.*

*Continue on the other side of the page*

***Making a Break For it***

What kinds of things were smuggled into the jail?

*Weapons, knives, guns, brass knuckles, saw blades, and pistols*

***Bonus Questions***

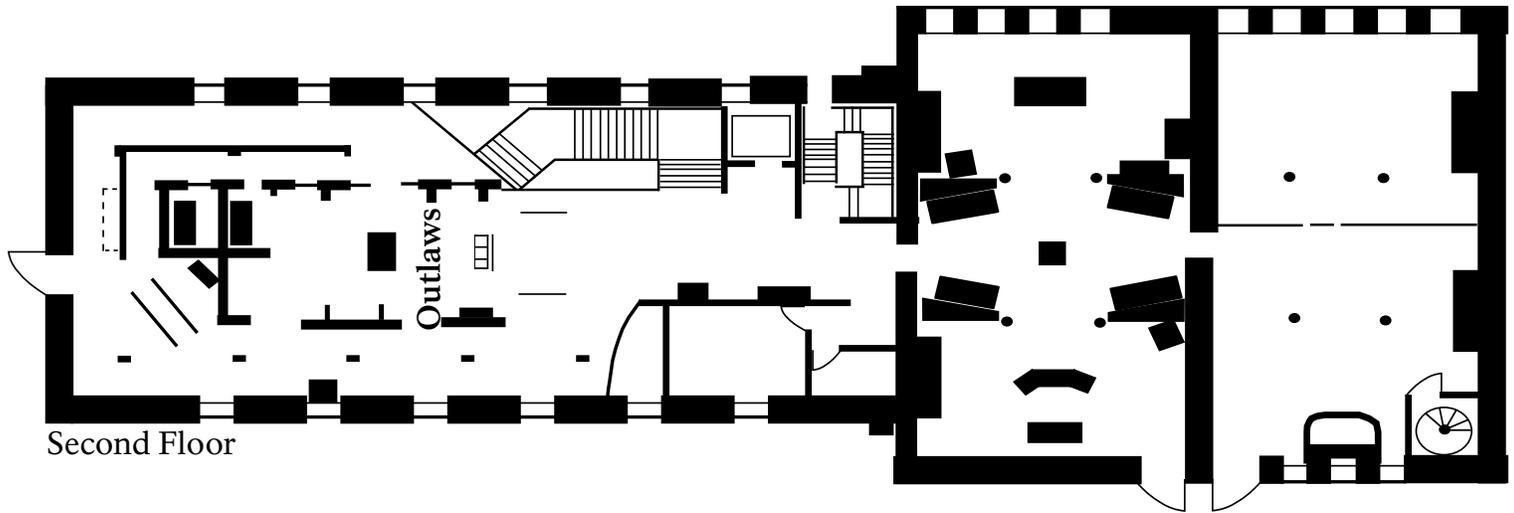
What do you think it was like to be a jailor with so many dangerous people here?

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

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

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

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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?

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

### *Youth Gangs - Cook Gang*

List five different crimes that were committed in Indian Territory.

*Smuggling whiskey, train robbery, bank robbery, rape, murder, horse theft, man slaughter, stage hold ups.*

*Continue on the other side of the page*

## *Youth Gangs*

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

*Opinion, Answers will vary*

## *Bonus Questions*

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

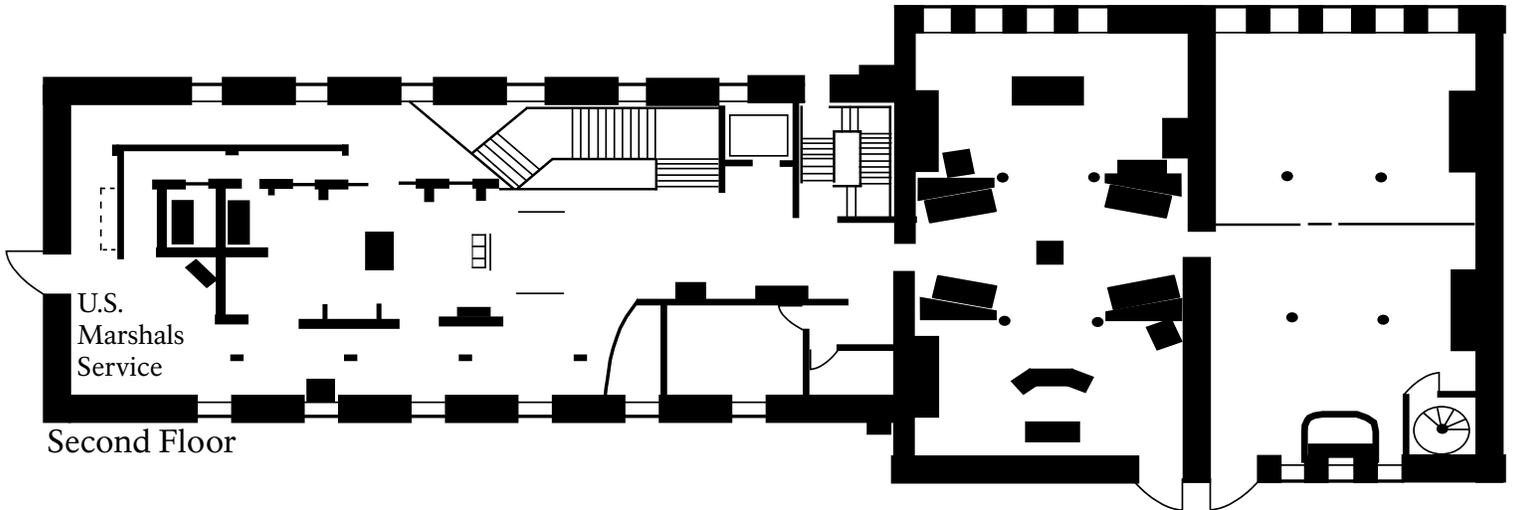
Who was the criminal who killed a jail guard, and what was the guard's name?

*The criminal's name was Crawford Goldsby alias Cherokee Bill. The jailers name was Larry Keating.*

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? 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  $\$0.06 \times 50 = \$3.00$

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  $\$0.06 \times 50 = \$3.00$

**Total pay for trip three \$8.00**

**Total pay for the month of August \$28.00**

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### *The Fee System*

Multiply total pay for August 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*

### *Hazards of the Job*

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

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

### *Bonus Questions*

#### *Fort Smith's Finest*

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

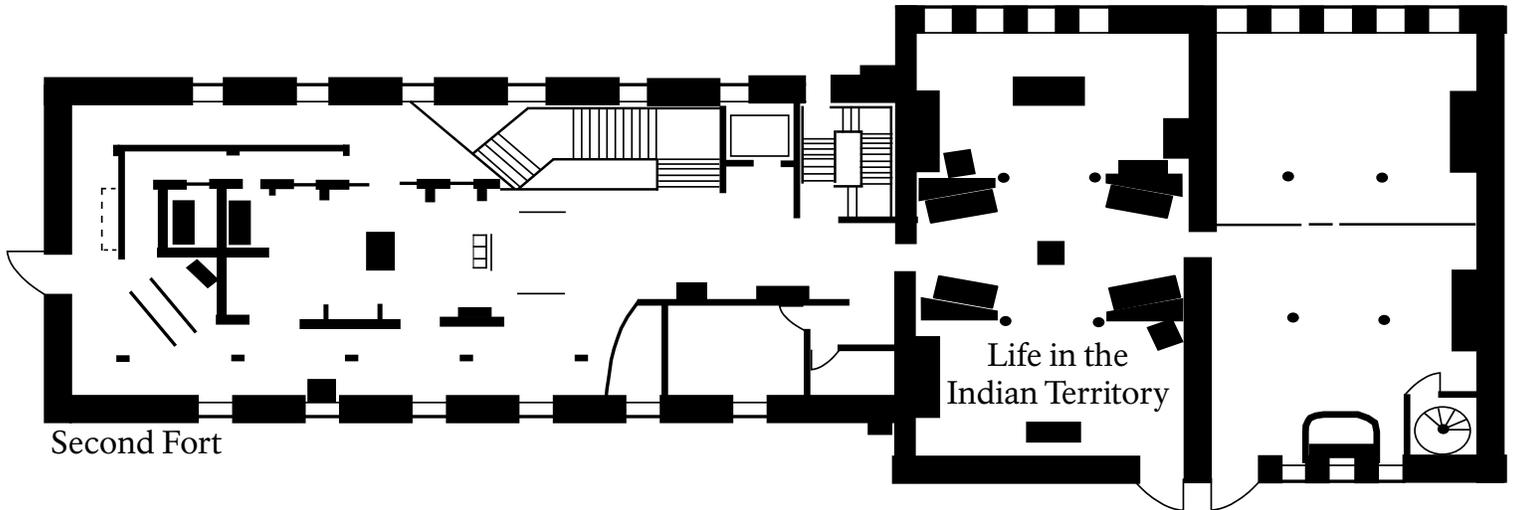
#### *Opinion*

*Previous experience in Law Enforcement, Tracking, shooting, horsemanship, camping, negotiator, patience, first aid, the law, Indian Languages, work with people of other races, respect for others, read a map, and there may be more answers*

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.

*Look for a long list of tribes*

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.*

Do they look like American Indians to you?

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

*Continue on the other side of the page*

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

*No. 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.*

### *Bonus Question*

#### *The Trail of Tears*

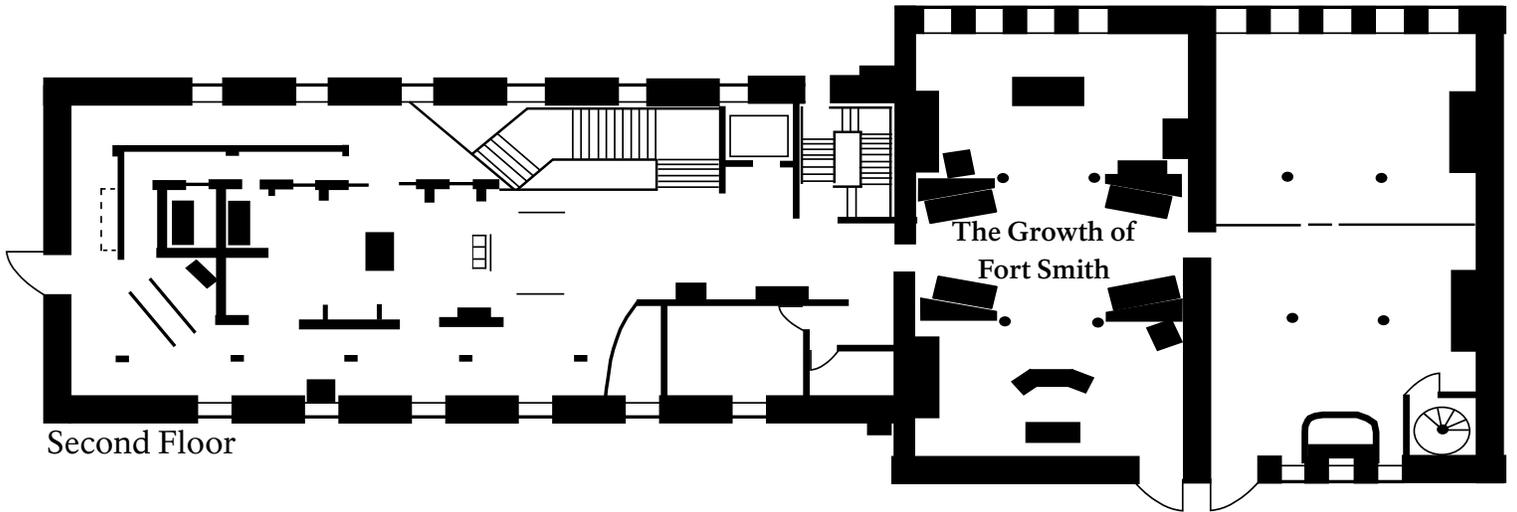
What was the congressional act that caused American Indian removal and who was the president who signed it?

*Indian Removal Act 1830 - President Andrew Jackson*

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

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

# Discovering Fort Smith National Historic Site



## 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.

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

**1822**

Why were the soldiers sent to build Fort Smith?

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

**1822**

How many people lived in the area at that time?

7-8 families and 64 soldiers

*Continue on the other side of the page*

**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**

How many people lived in the area at this time?

964

***Bonus Question***

**1856**

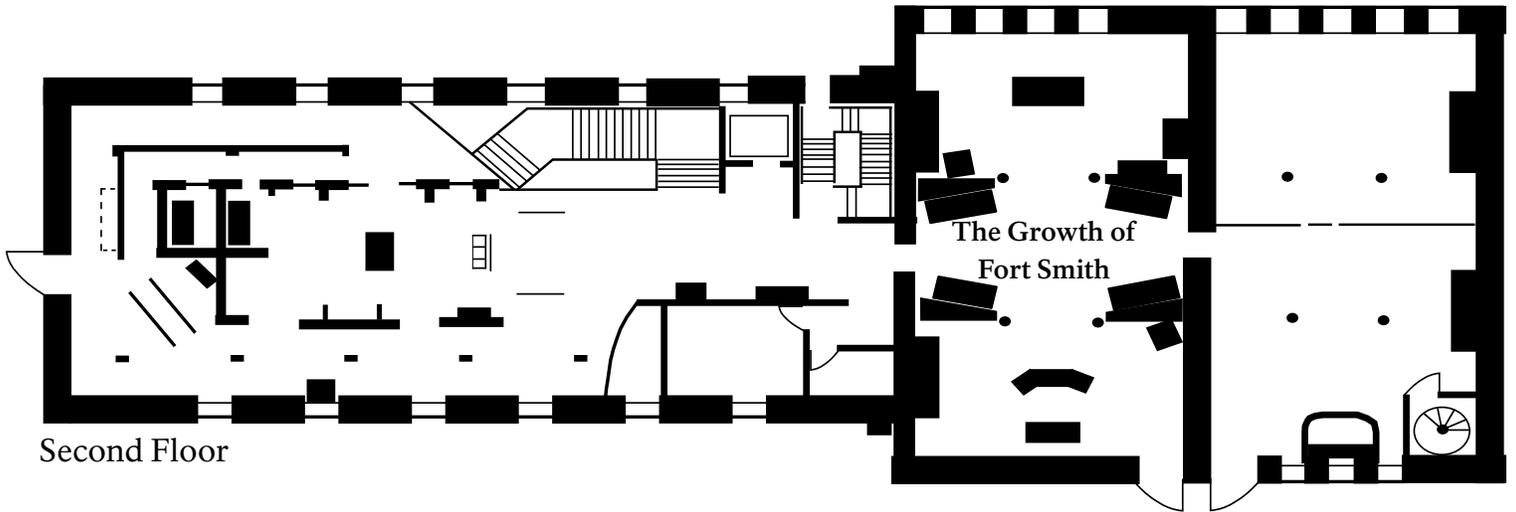
What do you think would have happened to the city of Fort Smith if President Taylor had been successful in stopping construction of the fort?

*He thought it was a useless expenditure of money and labor. He wanted it closed.  
Opinion, answers will vary.*

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

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

# Discovering Fort Smith National Historic Site



## The Growth of Fort Smith

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**1864**

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

*To store food, supplies, and provide safety.*

**1864**

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

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

**1864**

How many people lived in the area?

*1532 people*

*Continue on the other side of the page*

**1891**

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

*A railroad, a bridge, some buildings are gone, part of the wall is gone, and there is a new red building outside the fort. (The red building outside of the fort is the new court house on 6th street built in 1890.)*

**1891**

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

*Jail the courthouse had been moved to the corner of Sixth and Rogers*

**1891**

How many people live in the area?

*11,311*

### ***Bonus Questions***

**1864**

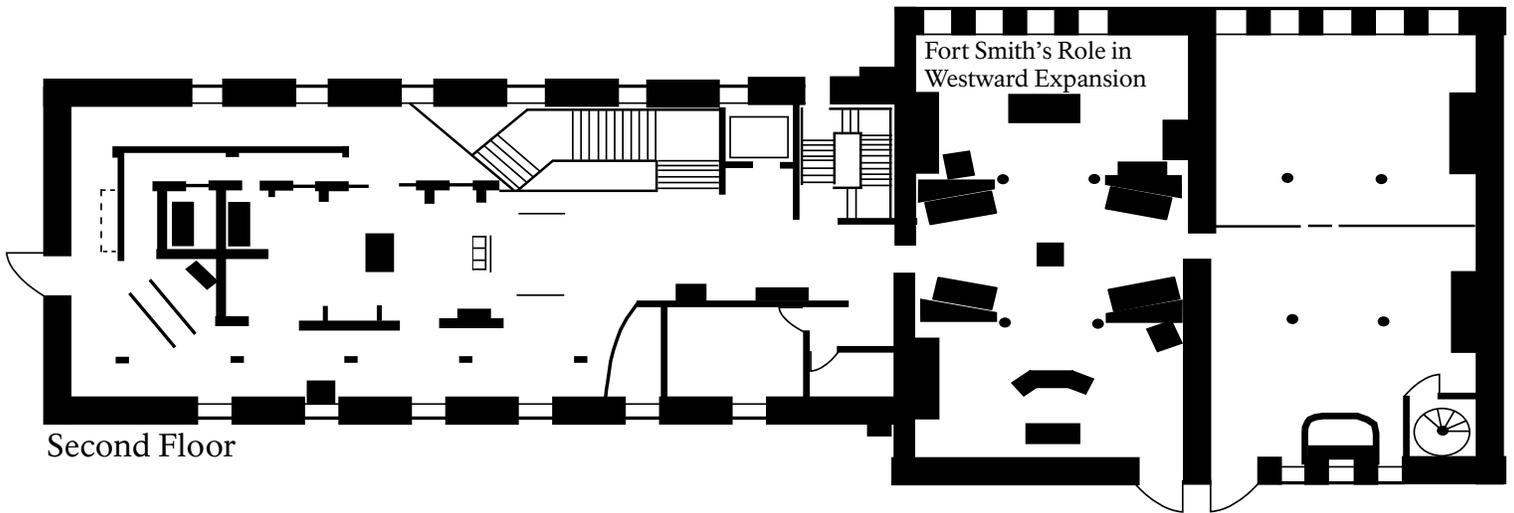
What do you think it was like to live in Fort Smith during the Civil War?

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

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

*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 you think Major Steven Long took scientists with him?

*To learn about geology and natural history.*

### *The Long Expedition 1819-1820*

What was the main purpose of this expedition?

*To learn about what would become the western United States. On this expedition he went to Colorado*

### *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 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.*

***Bonus Questions***

***The Pacific Railroad Survey 1853***

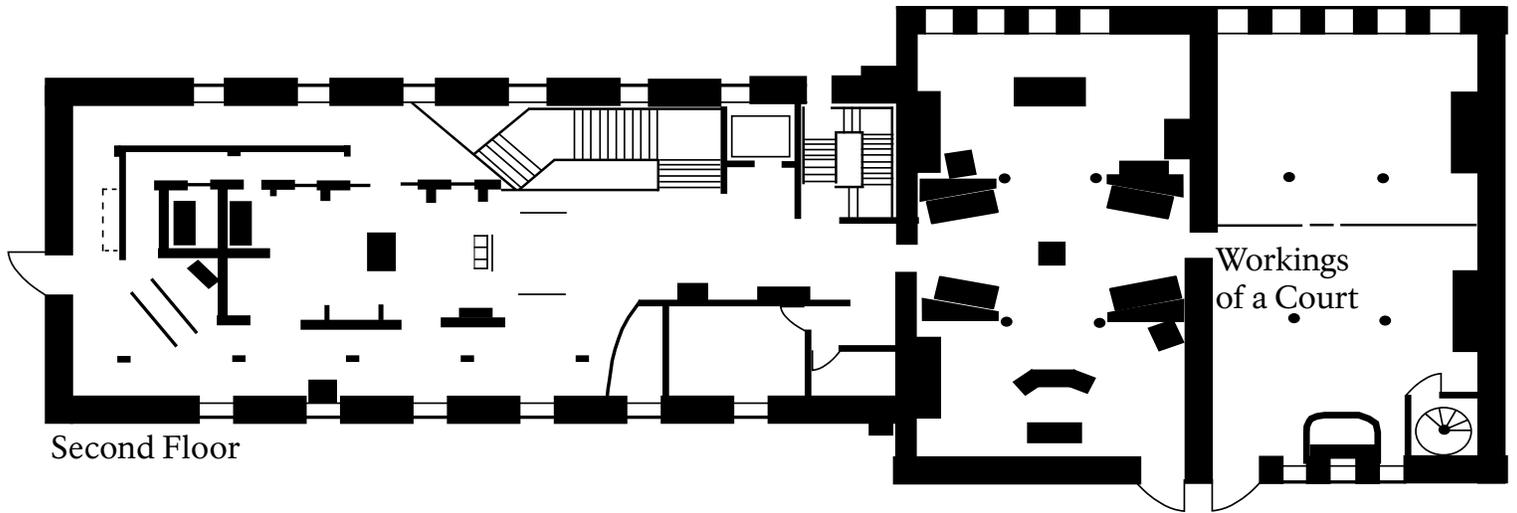
What kinds of skills do you think were needed by the men conducting the railroad survey?

*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?

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

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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.*

*Continue on the other side of the page*

*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.*

*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.

*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*

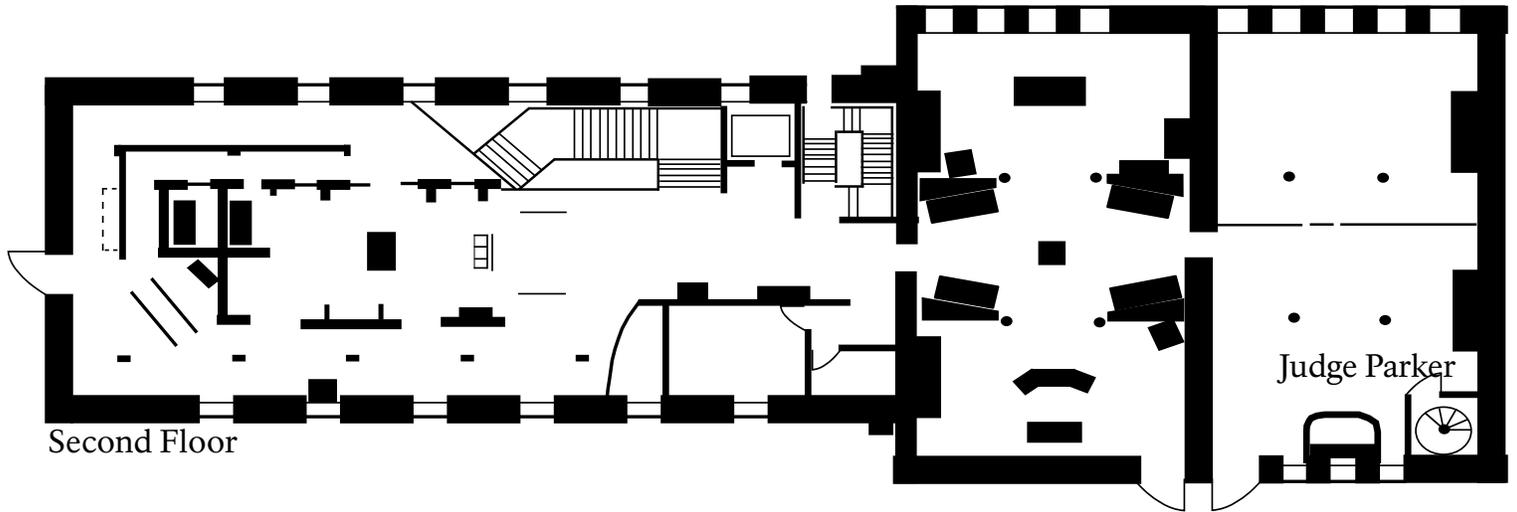
Eight trials in one week -busy

*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?

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

# Discovering Fort Smith National Historic Site



## 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

*City Attorney*

*US House of Representatives*

*State Attorney*

*State Judge*

*Union Militia in Missouri (rank of Corporal)*

*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)*

*Hanging Judge and Judge Parker Presiding*

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

*Opinion, answers will vary.*

*Continue on the other side of the page*

## *Bonus Questions*

### *US Congressman*

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

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

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

*Opinion, answers will vary.*