

OKLAHOMA AS THE WEST TEACHER GUIDE (3RD-4TH GRADE)

DESCRIPTION The frontier was settled by rugged, versatile pioneers from around the world. They moved into the new frontier for many reasons, and Oklahoma was no exception. Students compare and contrast life in the state for its Native American population and settlers, analyze the role of the military, including the Buffalo Soldier, explore life in a recreated turn-of-the-century frontier town, and make comparisons to their lives today.

THEME Western expansion and frontier settlement defines Oklahoma's people and their culture.

DETAILS **Grades:** 3-4
Length of Tour: 60 minutes
Student Capacity: approximately 15 students per docent
Subjects: Visual Arts, History, Social Studies

LEARNING OBJECTIVES By participating in this program, students will be able to:

1. Identify how Oklahoma began as Indian Territory and became home to explosive migration.
2. Compare and contrast Native American and non-Indian lifestyles in the 19th century.
3. Analyze the role of the military, including the Buffalo Soldier, in Oklahoma's 19th century history.
4. Analyze life in a turn-of-the-century frontier town and compare it to their own.
5. Identify how museum objects communicate stories of the past.

VOCABULARY **Boom Town** – a town undergoing rapid growth due to sudden prosperity.
Buffalo Soldier – a 19th century term for an African-American soldier, usually a cavalry soldier.
Indigenous – something or someone native to an area.
Land Run – the historical event opening Native American lands in Indian Territory to non-Indian settlement.
Nomadic – a way of life in which people travel from place to place rather than living in one place all the time.
Territory – an organized division of the country that is not yet admitted to the full rights of a state. The step before statehood.
Statehood – the status of being recognized as a state of the United States

GALLERIES

- Native American Gallery
- The Joe Grandee Museum of the American West
- American Cowboy Gallery
- Prosperity Junction

Tour may be modified to accommodate group size, time constraints, and/or gallery availability.