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TEACHER

PRE-VISIT

This Day in History – April 22, 1889

First Oklahoma land rush opens Oklahoma Territory to settlers.



Kentucky Daisey was a newspaper reporter from Texas. She decided to claim land in Oklahoma. Her story can be found in the book, *“Buckskin, Calico, and Lace”* by Glenda Carlile. Available in our gift shop.

Pre-Visit Discussion

- ! Name the types of transportation used in the land giveaways.
- ! Buffalo Soldiers had many jobs during the land giveaways. They built and maintained roads, telegraph lines and forts. Why did Native Americans call them Buffalo Soldiers?



Boomers – who were they? What did they want the government to do?

Sooners – who were they? What happened to them if they were caught hiding in Indian Territory?

S-state symbols

T-transportation

E-land survey

A - visual art

M-tiers & ranges

Oklahoma Land Giveaways March 26-May 25, 2018

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center

POST-VISIT DISCUSSION



Mattie Beal

<http://www.lawtonheritage.org/>

Mattie was one of thousands of women who participated in the Oklahoma Territory Land Lottery, in El Reno in 1901.

165,000 people registered for the 13,000 quarter sections. Mattie did not think she had a chance, but her name was the second name drawn. Mattie chose land south of the town site of Lawton.

1. Have students read about Mattie Beal and her life. Ask the students to write a journal page about how Mattie must have felt knowing she was a land owner, at age 23.
2. Mattie Beal was a telephone operator in Wichita, Kansas, before she acquired land in the lottery. President McKinley was the one who decided the land should be given in a lottery instead of a land run. Why do you think President McKinley did not want another land run?

Oklahoma Academic Standards

Grade 3: Visual Art
Standard 1:1,2,3,4
Standard 2:1,5
Standard 3:1,2,3,4
Standard 4:1,2,3

Grade 3: Social Studies
History Literacy Content 4:7
Grade 3: Science
3-ESS3-1

Grade 4: Visual Art
Standard 1:1,2,3,4
Standard 2:2,3,5
Standard 3:1,2,3,4
Standard 4: 1,2,3

Grade 4: Social Studies
PALS Standard 1:B4
Grade 4: Science
4-PS3-1;4-LS1-2

Grade 5: Visual Art
Standard 1:1,2,3,4
Standard 2:1,2,3,5
Standard 3:1,2,3,5
Standard 4:1,2,3

Grade 5: Social Studies
PALS Standard 1:B4
Grade 5: Science
5-LS2-2

Grade 5: Math
Standard 4:1B

Oklahoma Bingo -<http://www.okhstory.org/kids/bingo.php>

Student Activity Sheet



"The Oklahoma Urban Land Rush" by Lynna Geraldine "Jerry" Guffey
This mural represents the arrival of the first train from the north in Guthrie, April 22, 1889.

It is estimated that between 6,000 and 7,000 people reached Guthrie by train from the north that first afternoon, and that 3,000 came by wagon from the north and east, and by train from Purcell on the south, what is the total estimated number of people? _____

The train left Arkansas City, Kansas at 8:45 a.m. and arrived in Guthrie 1:20 p.m. How long did the people ride the train? _____

75% of the people planned ahead and brought tents and blankets, what percentage of the people did not plan ahead and had to sleep on the ground? _____

People who entered Oklahoma illegally were called _____. Ninety percent of those people made settlements on land illegally. The other 10% left without any desirable land to settle on.

OKLAHOMA LAND OPENINGS



Allotment: The Dawes Act 1887 dissolved tribal ownership of land and gave specific amounts of land to each individual Native American. The government thought this would force the Native Americans to become more like the white people.

Run: People gathered to make a run to claim 160 acres of land, without paying anything.

Lottery: People registered and their names were drawn for quarter sections of land and they did not have to pay anything.

Sealed Bid: 7,621 sealed bids were made for 3,000 quarter sections of available land. The highest bidder would be allowed to purchase one or more sections of land.

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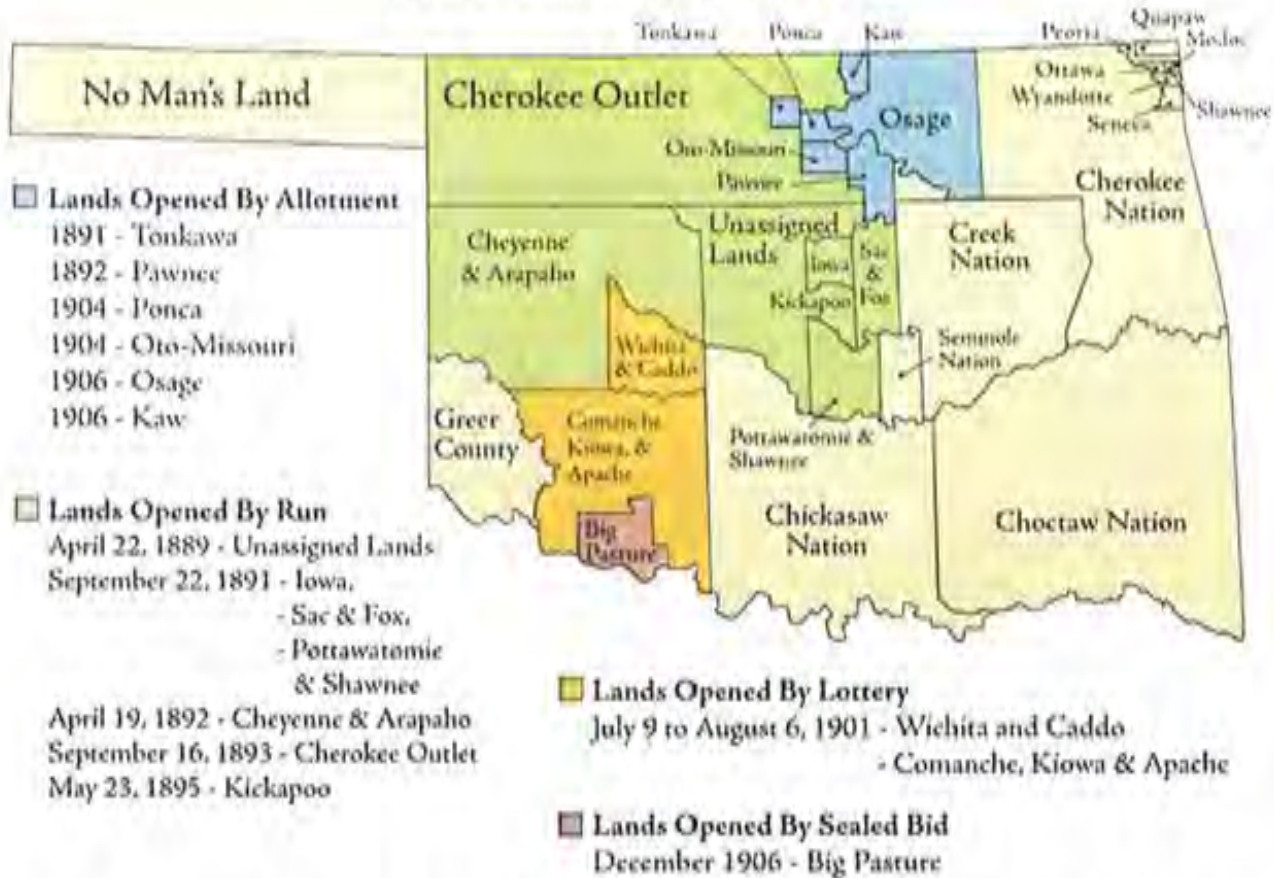
_____ (pgeraleth) lines and _____ (trsof). They also removed the

_____ (omboesr) from Indian Territory. The Buffalo Soldiers also watched over the

_____ (isInadn) on the reservations. They also maintained general _____ (awl) and

_____ (reord) throughout the territory.

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order (reord) throughout the territory.

Land Description Activity

Color in the sections listed below to reveal a hidden picture.

Hint: Each township is divided into 36 equal portions. It is 36 square miles. In township T5N, R6W, the sections are properly numbered, and every township is numbered the same way, even though the rest are not written on your paper.

Please be sure to follow the same numbering pattern when you count your squares. **GOOD LUCK!!**

T5N, R4W, Sections 3, 11, 14, 24, 25 & 36

T1N, R3W, Sections 4, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18

T3N, R3W, Sections 3, 11, 14, 24 & 25

T2N, R2W, Sections 6, 8, 17, 21, 28 & 34

T5N, R3W, Sections 4, 9, 17, 20, 30 & 31

T1N, R5W, Sections 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18

T2N, R3W, Sections 18, 20, 29 & 33

T4N, R3W, Sections 6, 8, 17, 21, 28 & 34

T1N, R4W, Sections 4, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18

T2N, R4W, Sections 12, 14, 22, 27 & 33

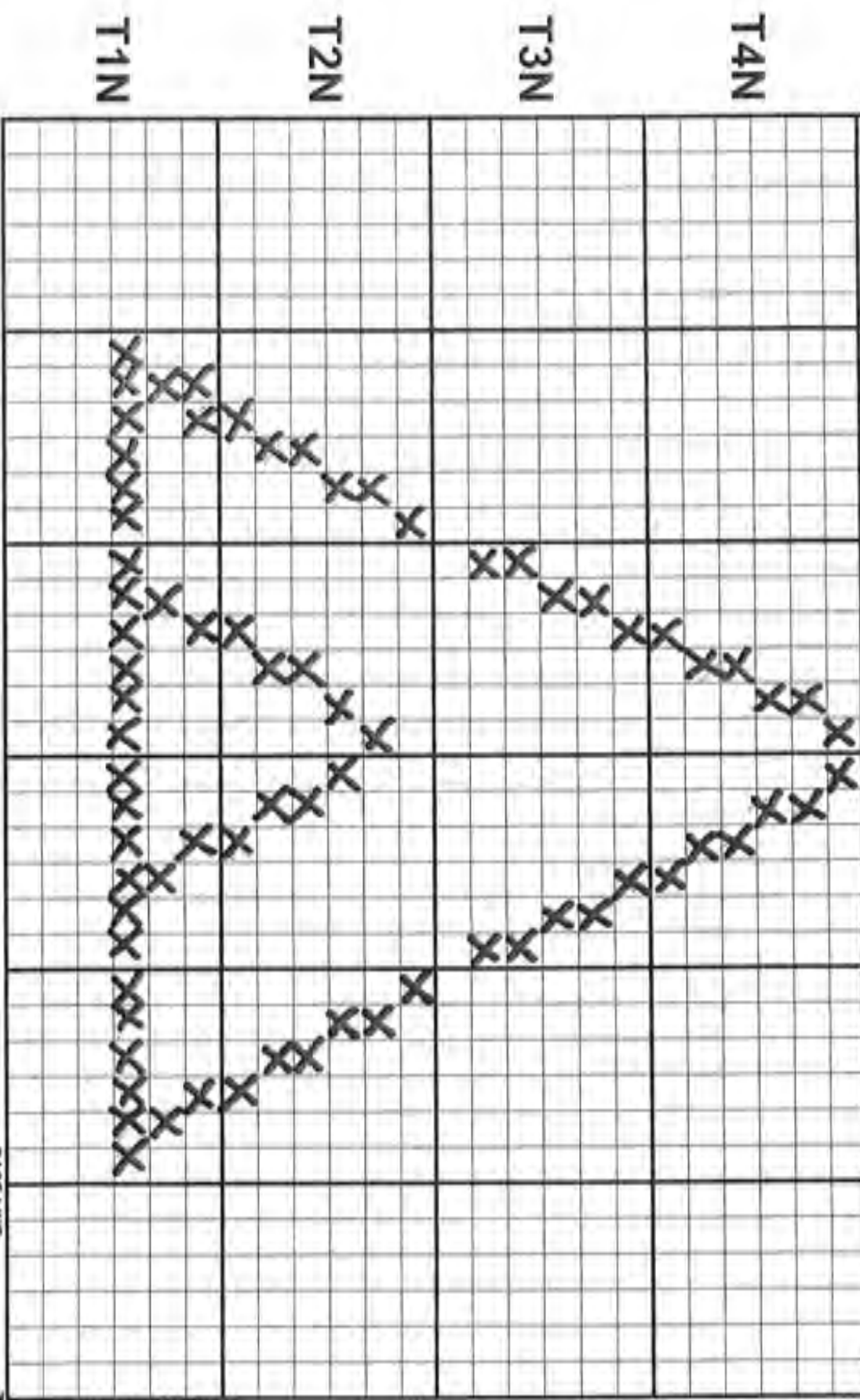
T3N, R4W, Sections 4, 8, 17, 19 & 30

T1N, R2W, Sections 3, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18

T4N, R4W, Sections 1, 11, 14, 22, 27 & 33

T2N, R5W, Sections 1, 11, 14, 22, 27 & 33

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36



R6W R5W R4W R3W R2W R1W

T1N

T2N

T3N

T4N

T5N

Fort
Arbuckle

INDIAN MERIDIAN

SECTION

TOWNSHIP

BASE LINE