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Oklahoma: Our History, Our Home

Chapter 11: Boomers, Sooners, and Oklahoma Territory

The federal government passed laws in the late 19th century to break up the lands of the Indian Nations. Land was allotted to the Five Civilized Tribes and newly-available public land led to a mass migration to Oklahoma by settlers seeking free acreage.

Instructions: Use the link to help you complete each item below.

https://kchistory.org/research/photographing-nativeamericans-oklahoma-indian-territory

1. Photographic images of Native Americans were in demand by people in the _____ United States and throughout _____. Why were pictures of Native American chiefs and warriors in high demand?



2. For a collection of Native American photographs from the *American Antiquarian Society*, go to <u>https://gigi.mwa.org/netpub/server.np?quickfind=425301&sorton=filename&catalog=catalog&sit</u>e=<u>public&template=results.np</u>. Imagine you are a newspaper reporter at the time the photograph was taken. Your job is to choose two photographs to include in an article on the expansion of white settlers in the Indian and Oklahoma Territories. Use your technology skills to print the two pictures you have chosen and attach them to this page. In a paragraph, explain to your editor why you have chosen these two photos.

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3. Choose one of the research websites below to research a specific topic related to Boomers, Sooners, or Oklahoma Territory. Then, use one of the production websites to create a diamante poem or crossword puzzle using information you gathered. Print the poem or puzzle when you are done.

Research Sites:

Dawes Act: <u>http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/resources/archives/eight/dawes.htm</u> Boomers and Sooners: <u>https://nondoc.com/2015/09/03/better-to-be-okies-than-boomers-and-sooners/</u>

Oklahoma Land Rush: <u>https://www.nps.gov/jeff/learn/historyculture/upload/oklahoma.pdf</u> Organic Act: <u>https://www.okhistory.org/publications/enc/entry.php?entry=OR004</u> Land Rush: <u>http://urbanplanning.library.cornell.edu/DOCS/landrush.htm</u>

Production Sites:

Diamante Poem: <u>http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/diamante/</u> Crossword Puzzle: <u>http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/crossword/</u>

