

## GUIDED READING

### Oklahoma: Land of Opportunity

#### Chapter 11: Boomers, Sooners, and Oklahoma Territory

##### Section 1 Dissolving a Way of Life

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 270 - 281 to complete the following.

1. In 1870, federal policy toward Native Americans began to change from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ up the Indian nations.
2. In 1871, \_\_\_\_\_ passed a law stating no new treaties would be made with Indian tribes, since they were no longer \_\_\_\_\_ nations.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ rights were severely affected by the \_\_\_\_\_, since negotiations were no longer needed for Congress to make changes in Native American matters.
4. In the 1880s, several people with sincere intentions believed that it was in the best interests of the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ their tribal lands to \_\_\_\_\_ tribal members.
5. A reform group known as \_\_\_\_\_, led by Alice \_\_\_\_\_ of New York, worked with Massachusetts Senator \_\_\_\_\_, chairman of the Congressional Indian Affairs Committee, to develop a plan to “\_\_\_\_\_” the Indians by dividing their lands into \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Fletcher and others felt that allotment would \_\_\_\_\_ Indians into white \_\_\_\_\_.
7. In 1887, Congress passed the \_\_\_\_\_ authored by Senator Dawes.
8. The Dawes Act dissolved tribal \_\_\_\_\_, primarily in western Oklahoma, and gave specific amounts of \_\_\_\_\_ to each individual \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Initially, the act did not extend to lands occupied by the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In 1895, Congress ordered a \_\_\_\_\_ of Indian Territory.

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11. The Dawes Commission was also directed in 1895 to make a \_\_\_\_\_ roll and to begin making \_\_\_\_\_ assignments without tribal \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Intended to force \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the 1898 \_\_\_\_\_ was a blow against tribal rights.
13. According to the \_\_\_\_\_, tribal lands could be divided and Indian \_\_\_\_\_ could be abolished unless they \_\_\_\_\_ to land allotments.
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ abolished tribal courts and made everyone in Indian Territory \_\_\_\_\_ to federal law and the laws of Arkansas.
15. All \_\_\_\_\_ who had been allotted land were made \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States.
16. However, the “\_\_\_\_\_” were a small minority in the lands they received, which were to remain in their possession forever, “\_\_\_\_\_”.
17. Pressure had been mounting to open to white settlers a tract of land in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Indian Territory called the “\_\_\_\_\_”.
18. Mixed-blood Elias C. Boudinot, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cherokee leader of the same name, felt that \_\_\_\_\_ and the Indians’ \_\_\_\_\_ would be best served by \_\_\_\_\_ the Unassigned Lands.
19. The idea of white settlement in the “\_\_\_\_\_” was also promoted by Dr. Morrison Munford in the *Kansas City Times*.
20. Munford was the first to use the term \_\_\_\_\_ to describe the \_\_\_\_\_ movement.
21. ( \_\_\_\_\_ were those who took part in the land “\_\_\_\_\_” of the late 1800s when western land was opened to settlement.)
22. The Indians followed the boomer movement with \_\_\_\_\_.
23. All non-Indians were \_\_\_\_\_ from being in \_\_\_\_\_ Territory by federal \_\_\_\_\_ and treaties, but boomers used brazen tactics to get \_\_\_\_\_ or over-look the law.

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24. Indians tried to battle the movement by sending \_\_\_\_\_ to Washington, D.C., to remind officials of their \_\_\_\_\_ to the Native Americans.
25. The legal wrangling over \_\_\_\_\_ the Unassigned Lands continued in the nation's \_\_\_\_\_.
26. Sensing the inevitable, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Muscogee (Creek) tribe and others offered to give up all claims to the Unassigned Lands for almost \_\_\_\_\_ million.
27. An \_\_\_\_\_ written by Indiana Representative \_\_\_\_\_ was rushed through \_\_\_\_\_ on March 2, 1889 to open the Unassigned Lands to settlement.
28. The bill was attached as a \_\_\_\_\_ (an addition) to the annual Indian Appropriation Act, which left President \_\_\_\_\_ little choice but to sign it into law.
29. Anyone eligible under the \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowed to enter the area at noon on April 22, 1889, and claim a homestead.
30. Illegal \_\_\_\_\_ were to be escorted from the area.
31. (A \_\_\_\_\_ is one who settles on unoccupied land in order to gain title to it.)
32. Despite hundreds of patrolling troops, several \_\_\_\_\_ did slip by and stake out choice claims.
33. (A \_\_\_\_\_ was a person who crossed the starting line of a land run before the appointed time.)
34. The lure of free land brought \_\_\_\_\_ and old, \_\_\_\_\_ and rich, men and \_\_\_\_\_, white and \_\_\_\_\_ to the "\_\_\_\_\_."
35. Within a few \_\_\_\_\_, all of the two \_\_\_\_\_ acres of the Unassigned Lands were claimed.
36. Homesteaders had to pay a small filing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on the land \_\_\_\_\_ years before they could obtain actual \_\_\_\_\_ to the property.

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37. Oklahoma City was estimated to have a population of \_\_\_\_\_ on its first day of existence.
38. A \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ (sign) were all that was needed to set up shop in the new towns.
39. Homesteading a \_\_\_\_\_ meant much more than building a \_\_\_\_\_, although that was an important step.
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the area determined in large part the type of shelter a family built and the type of \_\_\_\_\_ they grew.
41. Shipping in \_\_\_\_\_ was far too \_\_\_\_\_.
42. So early settlers used their \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ until they could build a dugout or “\_\_\_\_\_.”
43. Sometimes a house was built from the \_\_\_\_\_, which contained the densely packed roots of the prairie \_\_\_\_\_.
44. If the family’s \_\_\_\_\_ was successful, in a few years they built a \_\_\_\_\_ frame house with wood floors.
45. A \_\_\_\_\_ garden helped feed the family.
46. \_\_\_\_\_ was often made from a sourdough “\_\_\_\_\_,” which took the place of dry \_\_\_\_\_, and most settlers carefully brought their “starter” with them.

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##### Section 2 Oklahoma Territory

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 282 - 290 to complete the following.

1. For almost a \_\_\_\_\_ after the 1889 \_\_\_\_\_ run for the Unassigned Lands, there was no \_\_\_\_\_ government in the territory.
2. In May 1889, citizens from Guthrie and communities to the north held a \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss forming a \_\_\_\_\_ (temporary) government.
3. Citizens from communities south and west of Guthrie \_\_\_\_\_ the plan, and a meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ was held at Frisco, west of Oklahoma City, on July 15, 1889.
4. The majority of the people at the Frisco convention wanted to wait for \_\_\_\_\_ to form a \_\_\_\_\_ government.
5. When the 51<sup>st</sup> Congress met in December 1889, President \_\_\_\_\_ presented the need for a government in the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. On May 2, 1980, Congress finally passed the \_\_\_\_\_ for the Territory of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The first section of the act specified that \_\_\_\_\_ included all of the land west of the \_\_\_\_\_, including \_\_\_\_\_ Land.
8. The president would appoint a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ supreme court judges.
9. The Organic Act also initiated action to determine \_\_\_\_\_ of the land between the Red River and its north fork, territory claimed by Texas as Greer County.
10. No Man's Land ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) had been somewhat of a land island since the establishment of the borders of Kansas and Texas.

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11. There had also been some confusion over whether the strip of land was part of the \_\_\_\_\_.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were drawn to the area identified on maps as the “\_\_\_\_\_”.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ gained \_\_\_\_\_ rights when it was officially made part of Oklahoma Territory in 1890.
14. President \_\_\_\_\_ overlooked the people in \_\_\_\_\_ when he appointed \_\_\_\_\_ of Indiana as the territorial \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Many people in the territory felt the president was “\_\_\_\_\_,” or returning political \_\_\_\_\_ with his appointments.
16. Governor \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in Guthrie on May 23, 1890, and soon traveled throughout the territory to meet the \_\_\_\_\_.
17. A variety of \_\_\_\_\_ groups were represented in the territory.
18. In addition to the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and \_\_\_\_\_ Party, the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Party, and the \_\_\_\_\_ Party were represented.
19. Governor Steele called an \_\_\_\_\_ for August 5 to elect the territorial \_\_\_\_\_.
20. The first \_\_\_\_\_ introduced in the council was an act to provide for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of persons \_\_\_\_\_ under the laws of the territory.
21. A contract was signed with Kansas to place Oklahoma \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (state prison) at Lansing, Kansas.
22. The legislature quickly adopted a system of \_\_\_\_\_.
23. The Organic Act had appropriated \$50,000 for \_\_\_\_\_, and reserved Sections 16 and 36 of each \_\_\_\_\_ for the use and benefit of public schools.

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24. (A \_\_\_\_\_ consists of 36 one-mile-square parcels of \_\_\_\_\_ that are called \_\_\_\_\_. Each \_\_\_\_\_ contains 640 \_\_\_\_\_ of land.)
25. The first legislative session provided for establishing a territorial \_\_\_\_\_ at Norman, an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ college at Stillwater, and a \_\_\_\_\_ (teacher training institution) at Edmond.
26. With more \_\_\_\_\_ than available land, the government wanted to encourage the \_\_\_\_\_ on the western reservations to give up their \_\_\_\_\_ lands.
27. By November 1893, the commission had secured eleven \_\_\_\_\_ with Indian tribes through various means that dissolved the \_\_\_\_\_.
28. More than \_\_\_\_\_ million acres of land were now available for opening to homesteaders.
29. The turmoil in Oklahoma Territory was reflected in the territorial \_\_\_\_\_.
30. The last territorial governor was \_\_\_\_\_.
31. Frantz, a former postmaster and Osage Indian \_\_\_\_\_, led the territory into \_\_\_\_\_.
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache tribal lands was signed in October 1892.
33. The three tribes kept about 500,000 acres of \_\_\_\_\_ lands, called the \_\_\_\_\_, for their common use.
34. To improve the land \_\_\_\_\_ method, the 3.5 million acres were distributed by a \_\_\_\_\_.
35. Beginning on August 6, each land office \_\_\_\_\_ drew 125 registration cards each day, with each card numbered consecutively as it was drawn.
36. A different \_\_\_\_\_ was used when it came time to distribute the lands of the Big Pasture.
37. The land was \_\_\_\_\_ in 160-acre tracts to the highest \_\_\_\_\_ in December 1906.