

GUIDED READING

Oklahoma: Our History Our Home

Chapter 11: Boomers, Sooners, and Oklahoma Territory

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 51st Congress met in December 1889, President _____ presented the need for a government in the _____.
6. On May 2, 1890, 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.