

Statehood Day in Oklahoma

Introduction

What was going on in the state of Oklahoma on the day it was declared a state? How did people celebrate? What was life like? In this lesson, students will discover what was happening and being reported in the paper on the day Oklahoma became a state.

Overview

Students will be required to use researching skills to find out specific information from a specific day in history. Through the use of the online Oklahoman Archives, students will practice searching for information and answer questions that pertain to the day Oklahoma became a state.

Grade Level: 4-6

Subject: History, Language Arts

Objectives:

1. Student will utilize technology skills to navigate through the stored information to retrieve specific detailed information from a specific date.
2. Students will search for specific information from an online source.
3. Students will be able to identify conditions that were present in Oklahoma on the day of statehood.

Standards:

Oklahoma PASS Information Technology Standard 5:

The student will demonstrate knowledge of technology research tools.

1. Use telecommunications and online resources (e.g., e-mail, online discussions, Web environments) to participate in collaborative problem-solving activities for the purpose of developing solutions or products for audiences inside and outside the classroom.

Oklahoma PASS Social Studies Standard 1:

The student will develop and practice the process skills of social studies.

1. Demonstrate the ability to utilize research materials, such as encyclopedias, almanacs, atlases, newspapers, photographs, visual images, and computer-based technologies.

Oklahoma PASS Social Studies Standard 5:

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the unique features which contributed to the settlement of the state of Oklahoma.

2. Describe major events of Oklahoma's past, such as settlements by Native Americans, cattle drives, land runs, statehood, and the discovery of oil.

Required Materials:

1. Internet Access with link set to Oklahoman Archives.
<http://schools.newsok.com/#####/archives> Schools should input their state ID to replace the "#s" in the URL.
2. Copy of Worksheet Questions

Activities & Procedures:

1. Begin with overview of the Oklahoman Archives. This is a great tool for searching for information. To get familiar with the capabilities, review "Quick Guide to Oklahoman Archives". (Available on main page)
2. Brainstorm the types of information that you may be able to find from such a resource. (What happened on specific days?, What was "front page news" in the year you were born?, How did things 10-15 years ago compare to today in terms of cost, styles, jobs, etc.?)
3. Students will pull up the paper printed on November 16, 1907. After browsing the paper, student will search for answers to specific questions. (see worksheet)

The Day Oklahoma Became a State

Name: _____

1. What is the phrase at the top of the newspaper?
2. What was special about the pen used by President Roosevelt to sign the proclamation admitting Oklahoma into statehood?
3. Where and at what time were inaugural ceremonies for the state to begin?
4. Why were Colonel JJ McAlester, railroad commissioner and William Cross, Secretary of State unable to attend the inaugural ceremonies?
5. What was scheduled right after Governor Haskell's inaugural address?
6. Who did Governor Haskell name as US senators from Oklahoma?
7. Some businesses were forced to close their doors on statehood day. What were they and why did they have to close?

8. What is the "2 cent Fare" that became effective at 9:00 am?

9. What are Prickly Ash Bitters?

10. Governor Frantz declared a special holiday. What was it and what was the day?

11. Who won the Oklahoma/Texas football game reported on this day? What was the score?

12. What did Pioneer Telephone & Telegraph Co advertise?

13. How much did it cost to run a classified ad in the newspaper?

14. How much would you pay for a "Wooltex Marchioness" coat at Kennedy's Department Store?

15. Parrott & Durland's Famous Candy is on sale. When is the sale and how much is the candy?

The Day Oklahoma Became a State - ANSWER KEY

1. "When the States' roll is called this morning Oklahoma will, for the first time, answer "here".
2. It was made from the quill of an American Eagle, then captive in Woodward, Oklahoma and afterward sent to the Oklahoma Historical Society.
3. 11:00am at Carnegie Library in Guthrie, Oklahoma
4. They were both too ill to attend
5. The wedding of 2 persons representing Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. CG Jones of Oklahoma City and a full blood Choctaw girl.
6. Robert Lowen and Thomas P. Gore
7. Saloons were closed to adhere to the Prohibition Law
8. Passenger rate for the railroad
9. an advertised Kidney Disease cure
10. Thanksgiving Day - November 28, 1907
11. Texas - 29 to 10
12. Long distance telephone service
13. One cent per word, 15 cent minimum
14. \$17.50
15. All day Saturday - 25 cents/pound