

# **Oklahoma History Curriculum Preview**

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# **Introduction**

## **Objective and Overall Purpose**

Along with gaining an understanding and appreciation of the state in which each student lives, the course for Oklahoma History is meant to enhance literacy, research, and historical knowledge that translate into life-long skills. Such skills include reading maps, creating timelines, conducting interviews and more. Because history is a social study, involvement within the community is crucial to the understanding of both historic and current events. It is encouraged to explore the landmarks, museums, and locations described in our great state's history in order to make it truly come to life and be relevant in a child's life.

## **Time requirements**

This curriculum is designed to be used in an inter-active homeschool setting. Regardless of how it is used, it has been planned for twice a week for a total of 32 weeks.

Because it is important that learning takes place both in the classroom and outside learning from experience, there will be two lesson plans for each unit. Time may be split up as desired, but on average, students will have one or two indoor lessons and two exploration days for each unit. Incorporate hikes, museum visits, and other excursions as desired. Include ideas of your own or reference the "suggested activities" section of each unit.

## **Evaluation**

Students will be evaluated by overall knowledge and completion of coursework. Comprehension questions after field trips, videos, and engaging activities are key to understanding student growth. Activities and projects throughout the year will also be assigned to assess student understanding. However, the primary focus on assessment will be through an "Oklahoma Passport" journal that each student will be required to keep. This will be the main tool for assessment because it shows both understanding of subject matter and growth over time. Inclusion of pictures, ticket stubs from museums and more may be included in each child's journal. If a location that a student visits is a part of the US Park System, they may also get a stamp in their passport journal.

## **Layout of Curriculum**

This curriculum guide will be separated into 16 UNITS. For each unit, there will be a suggested activity list, lesson plans, and learning aids. It is expected that each student will also keep up with their Oklahoma Passport throughout the duration of the course.

The first three units of this curriculum will include the geography, weather and climate, and plants and animals of Oklahoma. This is because it is important to be aware of the general and timeless characteristics of our state in order to study the entire history.

For each lesson plan, it will be organized in the following manner: (I) Title (II) Unit (III) Goal/Aim/Purpose (IV) Vocabulary (V) Procedures (VI) Instructional Objectives (VII) Materials (VIII) Applied activities (IX) Key Questions (X) Final Application/Assessment.

## Suggested Reference Materials

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### Reference Books (or textbook for upper levels)

- [Oklahoma: A History](#) ISBN-13: 978-0806141978
- [Historical Atlas of Oklahoma](#) ISBN-13: 978-0806134826
- [Oklahoma, A History of Five Centuries](#) ISBN-13: **978-0806117584**
- [It Happened In Oklahoma](#) ISBN-13: 978-0762740000 (Also available for Kindle)
- **FREE** [Oklahoma In Brief](#). Taken from the 2005 Almanac

### Kids resources, workbooks, coloring books, etc.

- [Uniquely Oklahoma](#) ISBN-13: 978-1403447272 (Makes a simple Elementary Textbook)
- [Oklahoma \(Read About Geography\)](#) ISBN-13: 978-0531168172
- [Oklahoma Jography: A Fun Run Through Our State! \(The Oklahoma Experience\)](#) ISBN-13: 978-0793395972
- [The Big Oklahoma Activity Book! \(The Oklahoma Experience\)](#) ISBN-13: 978-0793395989
- [Oklahoma Symbols Coloring Book](#) ISBN-13: 978-1882404100
- [Twelve Days of Christmas in Oklahoma](#) ISBN-13: 978-1402792243

### Books on Facts and Places to Visit

- [Weird Oklahoma](#) ISBN-13: 978-1402754364
- [Food Lover's Guide to Oklahoma](#) ISBN-13: 978-0762781157 (Includes annual festivals to attend and local restaurants to visit... great for those field trips across the state)
- [Oklahoma Hiking Trails](#) ISBN-13: 978-0806141411
- [Off the Beaten Path Oklahoma](#) ISBN-13: 978-0762748761 (Also great historical facts and not just a guide book)