

## TRAIN

Can you find the bunk beds?

*Hint: Look in the back of the train.*

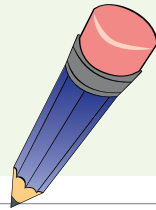


Long ago cowboys herded cattle from faraway places to Kansas. Once here, cattle were loaded onto trains and shipped to other places to sell. Cowboys rode the train so they could feed and water the animals. At night the cowboys on the train slept on bunk beds.

What job would you like to have today?

## AFTER YOU LEAVE ...

Think of the beds you saw in the museum, draw the bed you liked best.



AT THE MUSEUM

## Activity Guide

a "NIGHT"  
at THE  
MUSEUM

**KANSAS  
MUSEUM  
OF HISTORY**

REAL STORIES. REAL FUN.

Did you ever wonder where people slept long ago? Did their beds look like yours? You can find the answers using this gallery game.

## GRASS LODGE

Can you find the bed in this house made of tall grass?

*Hint: It is furry.*

The bed is attached to the wall and covered with a warm buffalo hide. It could get cold at night on the Kansas prairies and the hide helped keep people warm.

Long ago Wichita Indians lived in grass houses like this one. Family members worked together to cut and bundle grass to make this house. Everyone helped in some way.

What are your responsibilities at home?



## TIPI

Can you find the bed made of buffalo fur in this house?

*Hint: It is on the ground.*

Cheyenne Indians used parts of the buffalo for bedding, food, clothing, and shelter. They slept on furry buffalo hides. The tipi was also made of buffalo hide. It could be moved so that Cheyennes could follow and hunt buffalo.

What do you use for covers on your bed?



## COVERED WAGON

Can you find a place to sleep in the wagon?

People traveling on the Oregon-California Trail were moving across the country. They could only bring enough belongings and food to fit in a wagon like this one. There was no room for beds. They slept on the ground and covered themselves with a blanket.

Would all of your things fit in this wagon?

What would you take with you?

What would you leave behind?

How would you choose?



## LOG HOUSE

Can you find the bed in the log house?

The bed has a colorful quilt. This bed was used by adults. Children slept upstairs. The family who built this cabin came to Kansas long ago to farm. They cut big trees to build the cabin. The house could only be as big as the length of the trees.

How is this different from your home?

