



Arkansas:

The Territorial Period (1819-1836)

For Class Discussion:

- 1) Arkansas became an official territory in 1819; its statehood was granted in 1836. What were the main issues of conflict during the territorial period?
- 2) What were the main sources of income for these early settlers in Arkansas?

Names _____

Directions: During this section, work with at least two other students to find answers to the following questions. Write complete answers to each question (either on the back of this page, on separate paper, or on both; make sure your names are on all work!). **ALL** members of your group must work on this project!

For Group Work:

- 1) Many conflicts then and now are related to disparities in power or economic status. Together, search the newspaper for articles that refer to such conflicts in Arkansas today. Are these conflicts that could have occurred during the territorial period? Why or why not? (Arkansas History: Grades 7-12: 2.1.12; Arkansas History: Grades 7-12: 5.1.13)
- 2) Search the newspaper for articles that refer to current jobs in Arkansas. List at least five jobs you find. Are these jobs that existed in the territorial period? If so, are these jobs related to natural resources that Arkansas has? (Arkansas History: Grades 4-6: 4.1.9)
- 3) As a group, read the letters to the editor in today's newspaper. What conflicts do you think would have been written about in letters to the editor in the territorial period? As a group, choose one of the conflicts, and write your own letter to the editor, suggesting ways to resolve it. (Arkansas History: Grades 7-12: 5.1.15)
- 4) Read through the "help wanted" ads in today's newspaper. As a group, write at least three help wanted ads that could have been written in the territorial period, specifically those related to Arkansas' natural resources. Use the format that you see in the newspaper; remember that classified are typically paid for by the word or line, so keeping your ad short is imperative. (Arkansas History: Grades 4-6: 4.1.9)
- 5) Today's news often becomes tomorrow's history. What articles do you find in today's news that you think might make it into the history books in years to come? Defend your answer.

Newspapers in Education

The Benton County Daily Record, Northwest Arkansas Times, & Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

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