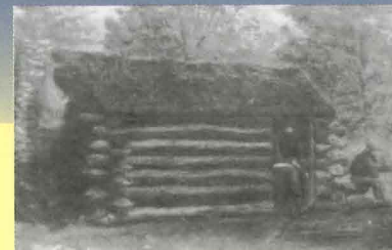


Home on the Range - A Claim Game

START for Kansas

What did it take to own land in Kansas, in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries? Play this game and find out! You'll need one dice and something to mark your path around the board (a different marker for every player). You'll also need to cut out the "Claim Papers"

Good luck, and have fun!



The first house built in Topeka was a log cabin.



The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad sold millions of acres in Kansas and offered free train passes to land buyers.



People crowded at Kansas land offices, sometimes sleeping in line overnight. This Garden City office helped clients waiting at the front door...and at the back windows!



Where wood was scarce, pioneers cut sod blocks from their land to build homes and schools, like this one in Greeley County in 1910.

