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Go inside the **Red River Basin** house and read the information in the center display. Based on your reading, describe a typical house on the Red River Basin.

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Find the display case on Wichita People in Early History. Who were the **Wichita** people? What changes were happening in their culture 250 years ago?

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Find the large mural titled *Removal to Oklahoma*. What are some of the reasons Native people in America were displaced and settled in Oklahoma?

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Find the panel *We Cherish Our Children*. Children are important to all of the western tribes and babies often receive special treatment. How is their place in the community shown?

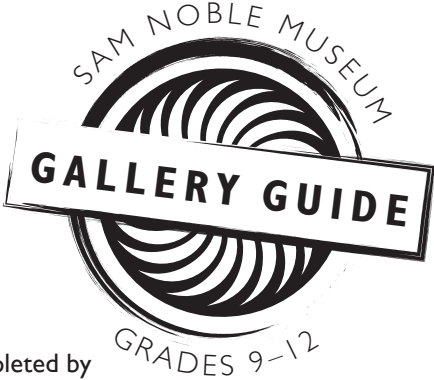
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# HALL OF THE PEOPLE OF OKLAHOMA



Welcome to the Sam Noble Museum!

These gallery activities are designed to be completed by a student or group of students.

Gallery Guides are available for each of the museum's three permanent galleries.

The Hall of the People of Oklahoma takes you through the 30,000-year history of the Native people of the state. The gallery displays artifacts and objects made and used by people from cultures past and present. These artifacts provide scientists with evidence of how these cultures lived.

Gallery highlights include stone spear points and tools used by the Clovis and Folsom people; the "Cooper Skull;" a cedar canoe from the Mississippian culture; and clothing, jewelry and pottery that illustrate the Native American experience in Oklahoma in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

Before you begin your journey, look at the map below to discover some archaeological sites around Oklahoma!



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1. Begin at the Hall of the People of Oklahoma, located on the second floor. The gallery entrance is covered with hand prints.
2. Explore the gallery together to find the answers to the questions below.
3. Start your journey at the map across from the man holding a spear.

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Describe some **dating methods** scientists use to learn when people of different cultures inhabited a site?

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At what site do scientists think the earliest Oklahomans might have lived? What evidence do they have that people were present at this site?

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What are the four types of **Clovis** sites found in the Americas? What archaeological evidence is found at these sites?

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The Folsom people primarily hunted bison. Describe the difference between the seasonal kills of the Folsom people.

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Find the panel titled *Modern Techniques and New Conclusions*. How can scientists determine in which season a bison kill took place? What does the data from the **Cooper Site** indicate about which season hunts on the southern plains took place in?

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In the next area of the gallery, look for the section *Using Tools*. What kinds of tools would a **Dalton** tool kit include and what were these tools used for?

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Most spear points found at the **Packard Complex** are lance shaped, but a unique, side-notched point has also been found. What does this new type of point indicate about the Dalton people at this time?

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What are **exotic status goods**? Find three examples of exotic status goods in the Spiro Mounds artifacts display area.

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