

Kansas Cloze Reading for Grades 4-6

Name _____

Directions: Fill in the correct blanks

Dodge City, Kansas, was one of America's most famous "wild west" towns. The famous television show Gunsmoke was even filmed here. Born in 1859 as Fort Dodge, the site was _____ along the Santa Fe Trail to provide westward bound travelers _____ from attacking Indians. Dodge City was established in 1872, five miles west of Fort Dodge. After the railroad was _____ through the city, the settlement _____ cowboys, buffalo hunters, soldiers, and railroad workers. Saloons, general stores and blacksmith shops _____ the dirt roads. Because there was no local law _____, disagreements were _____ by fight or duel. Eventually, the famous sheriff Wyatt Earp brought law, before the town was _____ abandoned in 1886.

Words:

attracted

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