

# WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A TOWN WORK



Pharmacist



Blacksmith



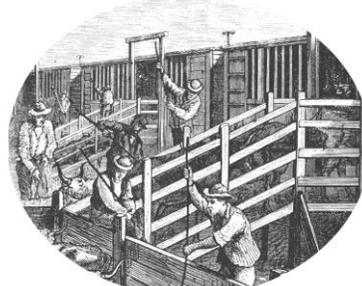
Printer



Seamstress



Farmer



Freight man



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

*The number in parentheses ( ) next to each question indicates the location of the building on the map on the back of this booklet.*

A town in a **system**. Like the strong links of a chain assure that it will work, people help each other and their town by having jobs that help the town to live and grow.

**Supply and demand** determines what jobs people in a town do.

**If people need an item, someone will probably make it.** If a large number of people want that same thing, more people may be hired to make it. These people earn money for the work they do.

The workers then spend their money on things they need, and the circle starts over again.

**If something is made that people do not want to buy,** the person who started the work may go out of business. The workers would not have jobs and would not be able to buy the things they need to live. They must either find or create new jobs that provide things the townspeople need, or they would have to move away.

If lots of people find new jobs, the town will survive. If they do not find new jobs and decide to move away, the town will die.

**Farms are a part of this circle.** If the farmer raises the right kind of food, people will buy it. With the money he makes from selling the food he raised, the farmer will be able to buy what he needs to produce more food.

If the farmer grows food people do not want, no one will buy it. If no one buys the food the farmer raises, he may not be a farmer any longer. People in town would have less than they need to eat, so they may move away and the town would die.

This was true in early Wichita as well as in Wichita today.

**As you visit the Cowtown building think of jobs and products that help a town system live.**

**1. 1<sup>ST</sup> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (43)**

The church tried to make the town better. The church encouraged people not to drink alcohol because they were afraid people would waste their money, get drunk, and not be good workers. The Turner Society held lectures to help adults learn more and more. Both groups encouraged people to live better and healthier lives.

Do you belong to any clubs or groups such as Scouts? **YES NO**

**2. OLD TOWN AREA (5)**

Many people thought the Wichita area would be a good place to make money. Listen as the person here tells you about the many kinds of work done in the Old Town Area.



How did Mr. Munger help Wichita become a town?

Does anyone today do the kind of job that Mr. Munger did? **YES NO**

If you answered YES, who might that be? \_\_\_\_\_

**3. MUNGER HOUSE--CHORES (5)**

Children had the important job of pumping water from the well. **You can try it but don't drink the water.**

Would you like to pump and carry water every day? **YES NO**

What would you use the water for? \_\_\_\_\_

Why don't we pump water today? \_\_\_\_\_

What important chores do you do for your family? \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. SADDLE AND HARNESS SHOP (7)**



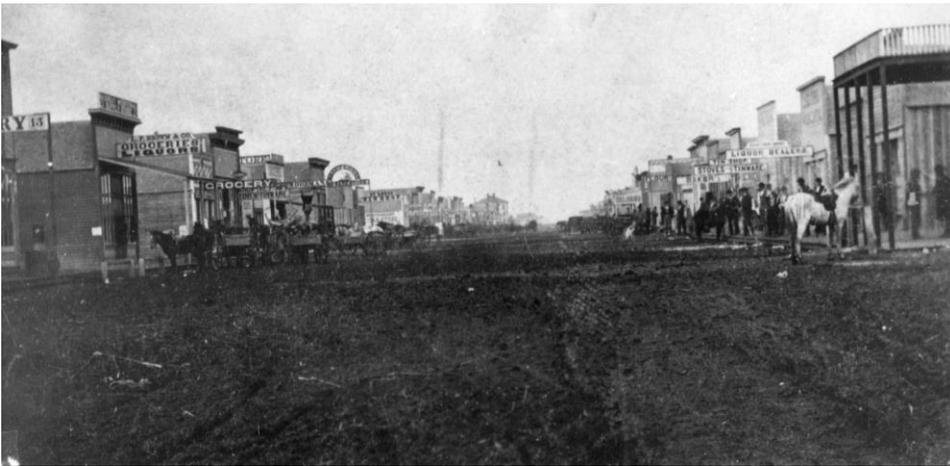
The harness maker was a skilled leather worker who made products for people to ride or drive horses. A **harness** is all the leather pieces that connect a horse to a wagon. A **saddle** is a seat placed on a horse and, because people may be in the saddle for a long time, it had to fit really well. In the 1870s a good saddle horse could cost more than \$100.

Do you think everyone needed to buy a horse? **YES** **NO**

Would everyone need a horse? **YES** **NO**

What other ways could you travel locally? \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. BALDWIN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY (8)



Here is a picture that Mr. Baldwin took of the growing city and its' people.

What was he trying to tell the people who would see this picture? \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. ARKANSAS VALLEY BANK (10)

A bank helps a town by providing a place for people to keep their money. Other people can borrow that money to buy things or build houses if they promise to pay it back. The borrowers pay money, called **interest**, to the bank for the privilege of using other people's money.

Do you save money in a bank? **YES** **NO**

Do you spend money as soon as you get? **YES** **NO**

## 7. GENERAL STORE (12)

The general store helped the town by selling a little of everything. Can you create 5 categories of things that could be bought in the general store?

1) \_\_\_\_\_



- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

store?

When would you buy clothes here instead of at the clothing

\_\_\_\_\_

When would you choose the clothing store over the general store?

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there stores like either of these today? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### 8. BLACKSMITH SHOP (19)

The blacksmith had such an important job that towns would grow around on...As the blacksmith tells you about his job listen for two ways he would help people in town and on the farm.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. MEAT MARKET (21)



Farmers and hunters made money by selling meat to the butcher. Find two kinds of meat from wild animals and two from farm animals.

- Wild Animals:** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Farm Animals:** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think farmers and hunters could make money this way?

\_\_\_\_\_

Where do you buy meat today? \_\_\_\_\_

Oysters come from the ocean and must be kept wet and cool until they are sold. Why would a butcher try to sell them in hot, windy Kansas?

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### 10. 1880S DEVORE FARM (15) (on the road walking to the farm)

Wichita farmers grew corn and wheat. List three food products that can be made from each grain.

CORN

WHEAT

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which list was easier to make?  
Which of these do you think Wichita farmers grew more of as time passed

**CORN**                      **WHEAT**  
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**11.. 1880 DEVORE FARM (15)**

Farmers used two to four horses to help them with their work. They would pay about \$300 for this *horsepower*. Over time, machines that farmers used became for powerful. Today, an average farm would have a tractor of 100 to 200 *horsepower* that would cost about \$50,000.



Look at the farm machines in the machine shed.  
Are modern farm machines bigger or smaller?

**BIGGER**                      **SMALLER**

Why would today’s farm implements need so much more horsepower to operate?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why would a farmer want larger machines with which to grow food?

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**12. ARKANSAS VALLEY GRAIN ELEVATOR (22)**



The elevator was a place where the farmer stored his grain after it was harvested. After the grain was dumped into the floor grate, the cups (in the window) carried it to the storage bins overhead. The farmer could either sell the grain right after harvesting, or he could store it at a later time, hoping that he could sell it for a higher price at a later time.

Why might the price be higher at a later time?

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**13. DEPOT (24)**

The railroad brought things people could not buy in town and, along with the telegraph, made it easier for people to communicate. Many people found new jobs working for the railroad. Young boys were able to help their families by earning money delivering telegrams or escorting people to the hotel.

Have you ever ordered something from a company in another town?

**YES**                      **NO**

Did it arrive at your house by railroad?

**YES**                      **NO**    **IDON’TKNOW**

How else might it arrive? \_\_\_\_\_

14. HENRY WULF HOUSE (25)

Mr. Wulf had a job in town and, like many other new settlers, also made extra money by raising chickens and gardening.

Today, would it be possible for you and your family to extra make money by selling food?

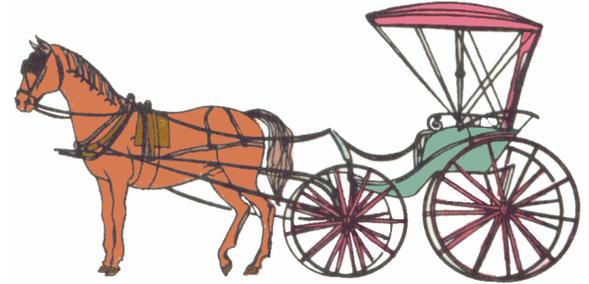
YES NO

What things do people do today to make extra money? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. LIVERY STABLE (26)

People could rent the black buggy to go short distances and to run errands. They could also rent horses. Can you think of two reasons why everyone did not own their own transportation?



1)

\_\_\_\_\_

2)

\_\_\_\_\_

16. DROVERS' CAMP



Listen as the cowboy tells you why he moved his cattle from Texas to Kansas and how his activity helped the city.

Find out why the cowboys brought their cattle to Wichita for only 3 years.

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17. J. P. ALLEN DRUGSTORE (31)



Look in the cases around the drugstore to learn what was done to make people well and the claims that the makers of *patent medicines* made.

Do you think they would work?

YES NO

If you were a pharmacist, would you sell patent medicines if you knew they did not work, but people still wanted to buy them?

YES NO

18. FECHHEIMER CLOTHING STORE (34)

Clothing for men and boys was often made in factories, while women and girls made their own clothes or hired a dressmaker. Sewing machines had been invented, but girls were still expected to know how to sew by hand.

Can you sew *by hand*? YES NO



What crafts do you do *by hand*?

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**19. THE WICHITA CITY EAGLE (35)**

The printer will tell you why his newspaper was so important to Wichita.

Look at the paper in the front window.

Do you think the 1870s newspaper looks like something that you would like to read?

YES                      NO

What would make it more interesting to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the biggest difference you see between the 1870s newspaper and those of today?

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**20. CARPENTER SHOP (37)**



The carpenter helped build and finish houses. He will show you the machines he operated and the ways that he worked.

In the 1870s did it take a special person with special tools to build a house or could anyone build a house?

**21. ONE-ROOM SCHOOL (38)** (Enter if there is not another class using the school.)

In the 1870s older children like you went to school in the winter so that they could help on the farm in the summer. Is there still a good reason not to go to school in the summer?

YES      NO    If YES, what is the reason? \_\_\_\_\_

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Besides reading, writing, and arithmetic, the school also taught you how to act when you were with strangers. You were expected to stand to answer questions or recite a poem you had memorized.

Why would this help you when you were with strangers? \_\_\_\_\_

## 22. MURDOCK HOUSE (41)



Parents helped the town by teaching children proper manners and the right way to act in public. In the parlor parents said, “Children should be seen and not heard. Parents also taught children by having them help with chores around the house. Listen as the guide tells you about family life in the 1870s and see if it is different from your family life.

