



EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

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### **Life in Trinidad**

#### **Trinidad History Museum**

Channel your inner detective while you explore Trinidad's past with a trip to the Trinidad History Museum. Visit the Baca House, Bloom Mansion and Santa Fe Trail Museum which are all located on the museum's grounds. Kids can also explore the Baca-Bloom heritage gardens, and get a chance to burn off some energy, or just sit outside in the shade on a hot day.

**Observation:** At the Santa Fe Trail Museum, kids will get to experience firsthand Southern Colorado's place on the Santa Fe Trail. Have your kids explore all the exhibits, photographs and artifacts and make observations on what life was like on the trail. To guide their exploration, have kids make a note catcher by dividing a piece of paper into four even squares (see below).

#### **Word Alert: Artifact**

In this activity, kids will need to know what an artifact is. An artifact is an object that is human-made, usually from an earlier time-period. Examples include tools, pottery, baskets and metal objects, such as weapons or jewelery.

**Activity: Create a Note Catcher**

<p><b>My Observations</b> Name 5 artifacts you see in this exhibit.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li><li>4.</li><li>5.</li></ol>	<p><b>My thinking</b> Which artifact is your favorite?</p> <p>Explain why?</p>
<p><b>My Questions</b> What are three questions you have about life on the Santa Fe Trail?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol>	<p><b>My Reactions</b> What are two things that surprised you about life on the Santa Fe Trail?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li></ol>

**Additional Resources:**

Visit the Santa Fe Trail Interactive Map (<https://www.santafetrail.org/interactive-trail-map/>) to learn more about the trail and the places you will visit during this trip.

**Questions to Ask:**

1. *What states does the trail pass through? (Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma - only the Cimarron route and New Mexico)*
2. *Where does the trail start? (near Franklin, Missouri)*
3. *Where does the trail end? (Santa Fe, New Mexico)*
4. *The trail that goes through Colorado was called the \_\_\_\_\_ Route. (Mountain)*
5. *The \_\_\_\_\_ route is south of the Mountain Route. (Cimarron)*