

FORT SCOTT  
STUDY QUESTIONS

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1. In what year was the Fort established? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened 12 years before the establishment of the Fort that directly led to the creation of a series of forts from Minnesota to Louisiana?
3. Who was the main architect of Fort Scott? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Through his vision, how many officer's quarters were originally built? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many officer quarters are presently part of the National Historic Site at Fort Scott? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Using the points of the compass, on which side of the site are the officer's quarters located?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What types of troops were stationed at Fort Scott?
8. Who provided the labor to construct the fort?
9. Why doesn't Fort Scott have a walled perimeter?
10. Which war was most prominent in the life of Fort Scott?  
THE MEXICAN WAR or THE CIVIL WAR Give reasons for your choice.
11. Name the decade in which each of these wars was fought?
12. What would be the mission statement of the fort when it was first established?
13. What would the mission statement of the fort be during the Civil War?
14. What black regiments were mustered into the Union army in Fort Scott during the Civil War?
15. What makes the dragoon unique?
16. What was the name of the flag or banner that was used to identify each company of dragoons?  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Who typically carried the dragoon's banner?
18. From what material was the dragoon's banner made? \_\_\_\_\_
19. When did the U.S. government first abandon Fort Scott? \_\_\_\_\_

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20. What happened to the fort's buildings at this time?
21. Describe the insignia worn by the dragoons on their dress caps.
22. What were the three typical weapons a dragoon would use in battle?
23. What was the line beyond white settlement called? Fort Scott was positioned on this line.
24. The line extended from \_\_\_\_\_ in the north to \_\_\_\_\_ in the south.
25. In 1842 about how many officers and men arrived to begin what is now Fort Scott? \_\_\_\_\_
26. By what year was the fort basically complete in its construction? \_\_\_\_\_
27. When did the U.S. Army organize the regiment of dragoons? \_\_\_\_\_
28. What did the Post Sutler provide?
29. What position did Capt. Thomas Swords hold at the fort?
30. What was the approximate price tag for building Fort Scott? \_\_\_\_\_
31. Was Fort Scott an expensive fort to build?
32. If so, what made it expensive?
33. If not, what made it inexpensive?
34. Who was the fort's 1<sup>st</sup> company commander?
35. The fort was constructed using mostly which of the following:  
native materials or imported materials
36. Where did the U.S. Army obtain the construction workers necessary to build the fort?
37. What company of dragoons were first stationed in Fort Scott? \_\_\_\_\_
38. Fort Scott was home to what regiments during the Civil War?
39. During the Civil War, Fort Scott had constructed a two-story \_\_\_\_\_ to hold Confederates and other law breakers.
40. During the Civil War, Fort Scott was mainly a \_\_\_\_\_ depot.

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41. What must a Sutler acquire to legally operate their store? \_\_\_\_\_
42. How much was a Sutler taxed per soldier at the post? \_\_\_\_\_
43. How did a Sutler insure he would be paid by a soldier to whom credit was issued?
44. Who was the post Sutler at Fort Scott who is some times called the founding father of the city?  
\_\_\_\_\_
45. What years are considered to be the time of "Bleeding Kansas"? \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
46. Fort Scott saw conflict on the old post site because of two hotels fashioned from the original military buildings. The Free-State Hotel was located in the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the parade grounds. The Western or Pro-Slavery Hotel was located in the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the parade ground.
47. Residents of Fort Scott were predominately PRO-SLAVERY OR FREE-STATE sympathizers
48. James Montgomery was a leader of the PRO-SLAVERY OR FREE-STATE sympathizers
49. What happened to Deputy Marshall John Little?
50. What tribes did the dragoon's from Fort Scott attempt to make peace with during the South Pass expedition?
51. Why did the federal government establish the Post of Southeast Kansas in 1869?
52. Crawford and Cherokee counties of today were known as \_\_\_\_\_
53. What organization resisted the railroad in 1869?
54. During the Civil War, Kansas was the first Union state to officially recruit and train  
\_\_\_\_\_
55. What was the first black regiment in Kansas? \_\_\_\_\_