

History of the Kansas Constitution- Answer Key

1. A territory can become a state by following certain rules, like writing a state constitution that is approved by the U.S government.
2. The Lecompton Constitution allowed slavery in Kansas and the Leavenworth Constitution did not.
3. The Leavenworth Constitution gave African Americans the right to vote.
4. **Answers will vary.** Sample answer: In my opinion, a state constitution should be approved by the United States government. One reason is to make sure the state isn't trying to make a law that goes against a federal law.
5. **Answers will vary.** Sample answer: If a state didn't have a constitution, people would have no laws to follow and could do whatever they wanted. This could lead to harmful acts, like stealing without any punishment or lack of access to rights, like voting.