

How Kansas Got Its Name-Answer Key

What was the name of the Native American tribe who lived on the lands that became Kansas?

The name of the first tribe was Kaws or Kansa.

What did this tribe's name mean and why was it name this?

The tribe was named after the south wind. They were named after the wind because they believe the wind gave them strength.

Who were the first people to start calling the area of land Kansas?

The first people to start calling the area of land Kansas were the French Settlers.

Why do you think the United States kept the name Kansas when they made it a state?

The United States wanted to honor the history of the land and name it after the original people who lived there.