

Time Machine

Number of participants: One or more

Age group: 7 years and up

Equipment needed: Notebooks and pencils, Camera

Indoor Outdoor



This is an individual activity; however, groups of kids can independently work through parts of it. The idea is for children to create a character who lived, went to school, or worked in Southeast Kansas during the mid-1800s.

A fieldtrip to the Historic Oak Grove Schoolhouse could provide inspiration for character development. Children are encouraged to make notes about, and take photos of, the area to help them form character details. Back at school, home, or the library, each child begins the process of fully developing their character. They can form their character completely from scratch, or they can model their character after themselves or another real person they know well. Creating an Osage Indian character would be amazing!

This activity dovetails into another different *collaborative group activity* called, **Community Bonding** (see *Group Activities*).

Character profiles should include the following:

- *Character's name or their tribal name*
- *The current year and the character's age*
- *Parent(s) name (if still living at home)*
- *Sibling's name(s) and age(s) (if still at home)*
- *Where they live (how far from the school)*
- *Favorite school subject (if applicable)*
- *Hobbies or favorite activities*
- *Pet(s) and name(s)*
- *What kind of work or chores do they do*



Once a child's character profile is initially finished, the teacher or parent will introduce the child, (using their 1800s profile), to other children who have also done this activity. This project can involve kids from other classes, schools, or other parts of the country!

If there's at least 10 different characters created, you can incorporate them into the *Group Activity* titled, **Community Bonding**.