



# MISSOURI STATE MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT

## History Wing

When did European settlement of Missouri begin?

European settlement began around 1700. French, and later Spanish, settlers built  
forts and towns.

Daniel Boone had two businesses. What were they?

land surveying and salt making

What four nicknames were given to long guns?

Black Snake, Cross Burster, Hair Splitter  
and Panther Cooler

People have lived in Missouri many thousands of years. The record of them living here is what they have left behind. What did the Osage Indians leave?

Arrowheads, pottery pieces, glass beads and pipes

There were four main big-game animals hunted in ice-age Missouri. What were they? Which one can still be found alive in Missouri today?

Bison, mastodon, camel and horses. Horses and bison can still be found in Missouri.

The modern bison is the only one native to Missouri.



## MISSOURI STATE MUSEUM Resources Wing

The underground environment found throughout Missouri hosts some amazing animals. Can you name two of them?

*Any two of the following:*

1. *little brown bat, cave cricket* \_\_\_\_\_
2. *blind cave crayfish, southern cavefish* \_\_\_\_\_

The Mississippi and Missouri rivers are our two major rivers in this state and both support rich animal life. Some animals, like the catfish, have small eyes. What does the catfish have to help it find its way around?

*Sensory organs- "whiskers"- around its mouth.*

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One third of all Missouri was once tall prairie grasses and flowers. In the open, dry and windy conditions on the prairie, what adaptations must a plant have to survive?

1. *Flexible stems to bend in the wind.* \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Deep roots to get water.* \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Thin or waxy coated leaves to prevent drying.* \_\_\_\_\_

Missouri has many types of stone. The St. Francois Mountains are granite. How was granite formed?

*Granite was formed from molten volcanic lava that cooled billions of years ago.*

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German immigrant craftsmen brought a tradition of finely made goods to Missouri. Describe or draw the musical instrument called a zither.

*A zither is made of wood. It is flat and has many strings. The one in the museum is inlaid with mother of pearl.*

After 1852, how did steamboats signal to each other while on the river?

*After 1852, steamboats were required to use their steam whistles to signal*

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*to each other. Early whistles only had one note while later ones combined*

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*two or three notes.*

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