

OSAGE LANGUAGE PLACE NAMES - Review Questions

DIRECTIONS: Read “OSAGE LANGUAGE PLACE NAMES” and answer the following about Osage-derived names that are used today.

1. What **categories of places** have Osage-derived names? i.e. waterway Tell 6 more:

town county county subdivision (township)
landform tribe park

2. What four **states** have places with Osage-derived names:

Kansas Oklahoma Missouri Texas

3. What **Osage chiefs** had places named after them?

Chetopa Shingawassa (or Chingawassa)
Claremont (or Claremore) Paw-Hiu-Skah (or Pawhuska)

4. What **large city** has an Osage-derived name: **Wichita**

Tell the original Osage word it came from - also give one of its **meanings**:

- *Wi-tzi-ta* - lodges of faraway people, scattered lodges, dwellers in reed wigwams

5. No. 4 above is an example of a place with a **name that is an actual Osage words**. Tell about **two more** of these: give the name (Osage word) and tell what it meant:

- Neodeshe - *ni-o-sho-de* - sweetly flowing
- Neosho - *a-sho-de'* - smokelike appearance of water from mud on bottom when stirred
- Osage - *Wah-Zha-Zhi* - Children of the Middle Waters
- Owasso - *Owasso* - end of trail, turnaround

6. Some place names are either **French or English translations of descriptive Osage names**. Tell about **two** of these: give the translated name, the original Osage word, and tell what it meant:

- Big Hill (creek or town) - *Pa Sole* - sitters on hilltops
- Marais des Cygnes - *Mi'xa-ckau-tse* - where white swans are plentiful
- Pumpkin Creek - *Watunk-a-kashink* - pumpkin
- Turkey Creek - *Su-ka-tuk* - turkey
- Verdigris River - *Wa-Ce-Ton-Xo-E* - gray-green-bark-waters

7. Tell the two names for the **same river** - one used on Kansas side and one used on Missouri side:
Marais des Cygnes (Kansas side) Osage River (Missouri side)

8. What are two Osage-derived names used for **counties**? **Osage Neosho**

9. **How many towns** on this list have Osage-derived names? **12**

10. Locate 5 Osage-derived names on a map.