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This year Kansas celebrates 150 years of statehood. Kansas has a dramatic history from being part of the Louisiana Purchase, to becoming a territory that included the eastern half of Colorado, to joining the Union as a free state, and the 34th state, in 1861.

The Office of the Secretary of State values our rich heritage, and provides a source of information for our young people to learn about it. On our website is a webpage called **Kansas Kids**. Find it at www.sos.ks.gov, then on the left navigation pane click on "Other Services" then click on "Kansas Kids."

Grade school children will find there a colorful page just for them. Click on the car to "travel" to museums, the state fair, even the cosmosphere. Click on the buffalo to reveal coloring pages including state symbols and landmarks. Click on the sunflowers for fun activities that test knowledge of all things Kansas. Even parents and teachers will find additional resources just a click away.

Your Secretary of State,
Kris Kobach

P.S. In addition to using the internet, did you know you can request printed educational materials from the Secretary of State's office? Ask for the *Kansas Fun Book* for younger children to color, find hidden words, solve a maze and connect famous Kansans with their hometowns. For middle school ages, ask for *Kansas at a Glance* to learn about history, facts, symbols, successful Kansans, government, commerce, industry, geography, natural resources and fun trivia. (785) 296-4564.