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INDIGENOUS AMERICANS

For many years, the Indian perspective on the Santa Fe Trail was largely missing from scholarly and popular writings about the trail, an omission that is being recognized and brought to light today.

Here, insightful writers, including three members of Indian tribes, share their stories. Learn about the fate of the Osage and Kaw (also called Kansa) tribes that lived and hunted along the trail, and about Indians and colonialism from a member of the Pawnee tribe.

Another account addresses the interactions between trail travelers and Indigenous peoples, and “Lost Art of the Santa Fe Trail” paints a picture of artists who traveled the route and their puzzling failure to portray the beauty of the Flint Hills. The surviving art of one of these artists reinforced stereotypes of Indians that were popular at the time but not accurate.

Ride along and explore the Indigenous Americans’ history and their untold stories for a better understanding of the impact of the Santa Fe Trail.

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