



**Student Handout 1**  
**History of Arkansas's Oil and Natural Gas Industry**  
**Vocabulary**

- Boom – to progress, grow, or flourish vigorously
- Boomtown – a town that has grown very quickly as a result of sudden prosperity
- Derrick – the tower like framework over an oil well
- Drill – a shaft like tool with cutting edges that uses rotation to make holes deep into the ground
- Gusher – a flowing oil well
- Speculator – a person who invests in a business, hoping to make a profit
- Wildcat – someone who works in the oil fields
- Reserve – a collection of oil that is stored until it is sold
- Pipeline – a series of pipes used to transport oil or natural gas over great distances
- Refinery – a factory that takes the impurities out of petroleum

**Assignment #1 – Students will make flashcards with vocabulary terms on one side and definitions on the other. Pair up with a partner to learn the meanings of the words. Demonstrate mastery of the terms by illustrating each of the terms and using them in a sentence.**