Kansas is

Kansas is flat but not level in the middle of America,

with snakes, fox, tube worms, and buffalo;

with cowboys, outlaws, bootleggers, free-staters, farmers and ranchers.

Kansas is prairie, with grasses that grow tall, and flint hills that harbor the beauty of nature.

It's settlers, it's Arapaho, Pawnee, Osage, Kansa.

Kansas is wild, fair, untamed, fire, and hearth.

It's Gwendolyn Brooks, Walter Crysler, Bob Dole, and Amelia Earhart.

It's Volga Germans and my great, great, great, great grandpa “Der Schulmeister” Schmidt.

Built of stone houses, hardwork, schools that instruct in German, Roman Catholic cathedrals,

it's an ocean bed remade into a community sitting atop ancient extinct aquatic animals.

It's city lights that drown out country stars and dim lightning bugs,

cicadas that drown out patio conversations amidst blood-sucking mosquitoes,

the Land of Oz, Brown vs. Board of Education, ERA ratification, the Bible belt and pockets of freedom

and acceptance.

It's where you “Don't count your chickens before they hatch,” “Spit in one hand; wish in the other and see which one gets full first,” and “No good deed goes unpunished.”

It's trains, borders, wide open space, where the skies are not cloudy all day.

Kansas is the clash of the Anglo-do-gooder-nosy-Protestant-neighbor pioneer and the outlaw, leave-me-alone, I'll-do-it-my-way-you-do-it-your-way immigrant. Kansas is home.

Template:

[Name of Place] is [broad physical description]

With [native animals list]

With [occupations and professions—general description of people]

[Name of Place] is [specific description of the landscape]

It’s [descriptors of people who started the place]

[Name of Place] is [adjectives that describe it]

It’s [Names of Famous people from the place]

Its [description of your connection to the place]

Built of [add descriptions of buildings and/or the history of building the place]

It’s [add a description of what you see/hear/smell in the place today]

[add a line referencing historical moments that shape the place]

[Add a line that includes common sayings associated with the place]

Conclude with your own ideas and style