

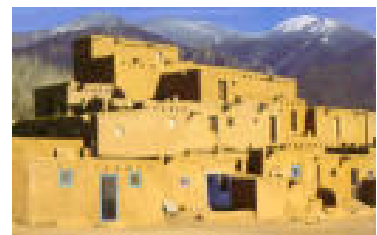
Pueblo

Our next group of First Americans will take us into the Southwest region of North America. They are the Pueblo. The Southwest region was a challenging place for the Pueblo to adapt to. This area is characterized by high cliffs, and it is very hot and arid (dry). The Pueblo worked hard to adapt to this harsh environment.

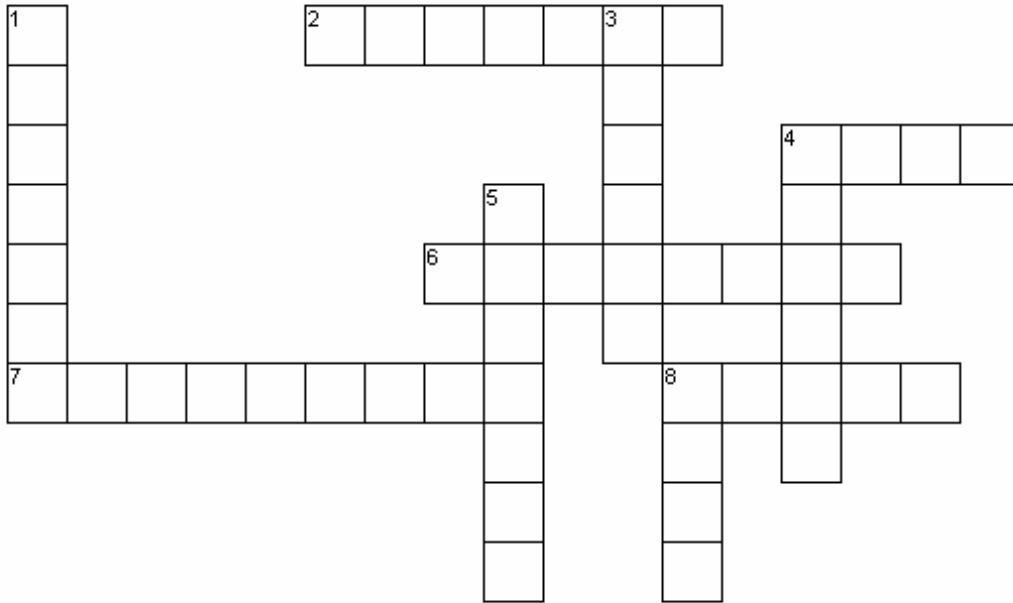
The Pueblo lived in apartment like multi-family dwellings called Pueblos. These homes were usually built on the side of cliffs and were made out of adobe, which is mud and straw. Others were built out of stone and mud. There were very few trees in the region so they had to use the resources available to build their homes. Since the pueblos were built on the side of cliffs, they had to use ladders to enter their homes. At night the Pueblo would pull their ladders inside their homes to protect them from enemy attack.

The Pueblo hunted and grew crops to survive. They relied on the rabbit, deer, and elk in the area for meat. They would also use the skins and fur for clothing, blankets, and other necessities. Even though this area was very dry, the Pueblo farmed corn, squash, and beans. They also grew cotton. In order to have a successful crop; the Pueblo had to irrigate the land.

As we continue our study of the First Americans, you should begin seeing how each group had to adapt to their environments. They all used their natural resources such as plants and animal skins to provide them with food, clothing, and shelter. Which group do you feel has done the best at adapting so far? Why?



Directions: Complete the statements below by filling in the blanks. Use your Pueblo story for help. You are then to locate the underlined words in the puzzle.



Across

2. The Pueblo would use these to get up to their homes.
4. The Pueblo farmed _____, squash, and beans.
6. The Pueblo had to _____ the land in order to farm
7. What region of North America would you find the Pueblo?
8. This is the type of material the Pueblo would build their homes out of which is a mixture of mud and straw.

Down

1. This was the type of apartment like housing that the Pueblo lived in
3. The Pueblo hunted _____, deer, and elk for food.
4. The Pueblo grew _____ to make clothes and blankets
5. The Pueblo would pull their ladders inside at night to _____ them from enemy attack.
8. The region that the Pueblo lived in is characterized by high cliffs and very hot and _____ (or dry).