

Everyday Life – Southwest Desert Indian Men

- Invented ways to irrigate their crops, mostly by digging canals from nearby rivers – **farmers**.
- **Men hunted, but it wasn't important to the Desert Indians**; there weren't any large animals to hunt, only rabbits and prairie dogs.
- **Men also created beautiful belts, pottery, and blankets.**



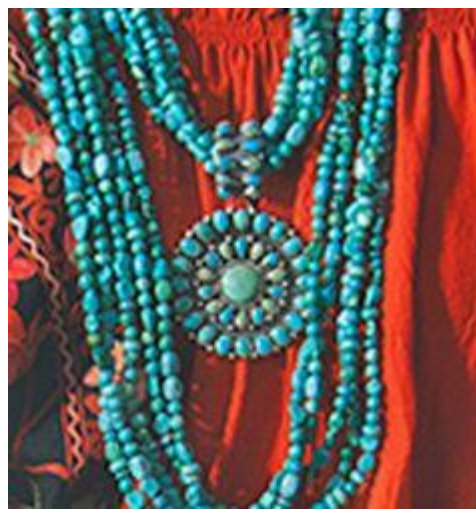
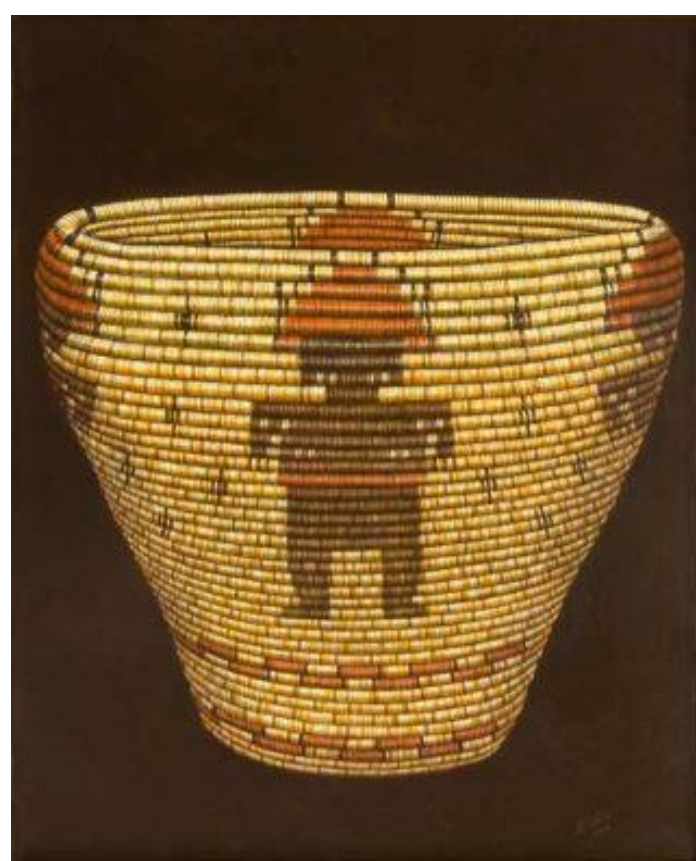


Everyday Life - Southwest Desert Indian Women

- Planted gardens at the bottom of hills to catch the run-off rain.
- Gathered berries, nuts, bulbs and seeds to grind into food.
- Corn was 80% of their diet.
- Women dyed the cotton for clothes, but didn't make them.
- Women also made beautiful baskets, clay bowls, and jewelry.



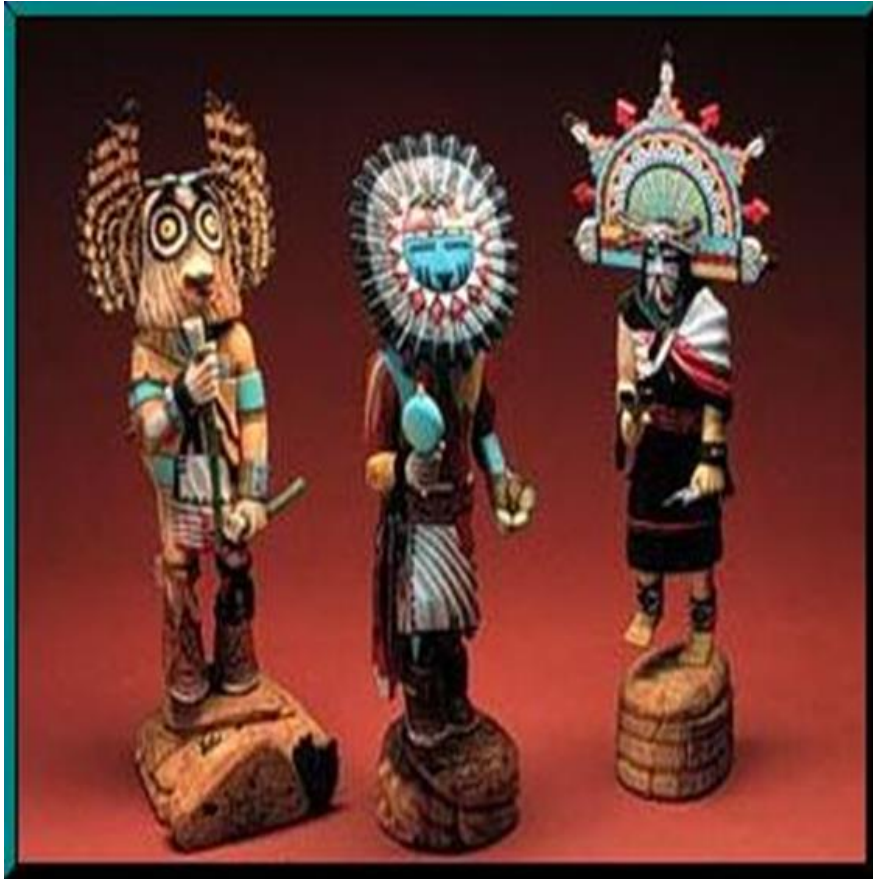




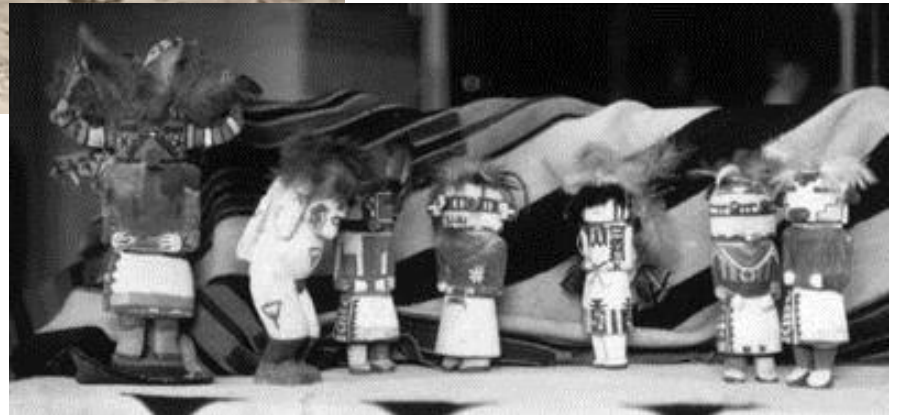
Everyday Life - Southwest Desert Indian Children

- Children only grew to be about 5 feet tall because of their plant-based diet.
- Boys and girls played with Kachina Dolls. These dolls were carved out of roots to look like spirits (*next slide*).
- Boys went on Vision Quests at the age of 13
 - *From your notes, can you remember what other two Native American regions we have learned who also sent their boys on Vision Quests?*

Kachina Doll Spirits



- Kachinas were Hopi spirits or gods which lived within the mountains.
- Hopi dancers would dress like Kachinas to represent, or stand for, the gods.
- Wooden Kachina dolls were made to teach the children about the gods.
- Hopi Kachinas talked to the gods by singing and dancing.



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What Did They Live In?

- The Southwest Desert Indians lived in two different kinds of houses – pueblos and hogans.



Pueblo

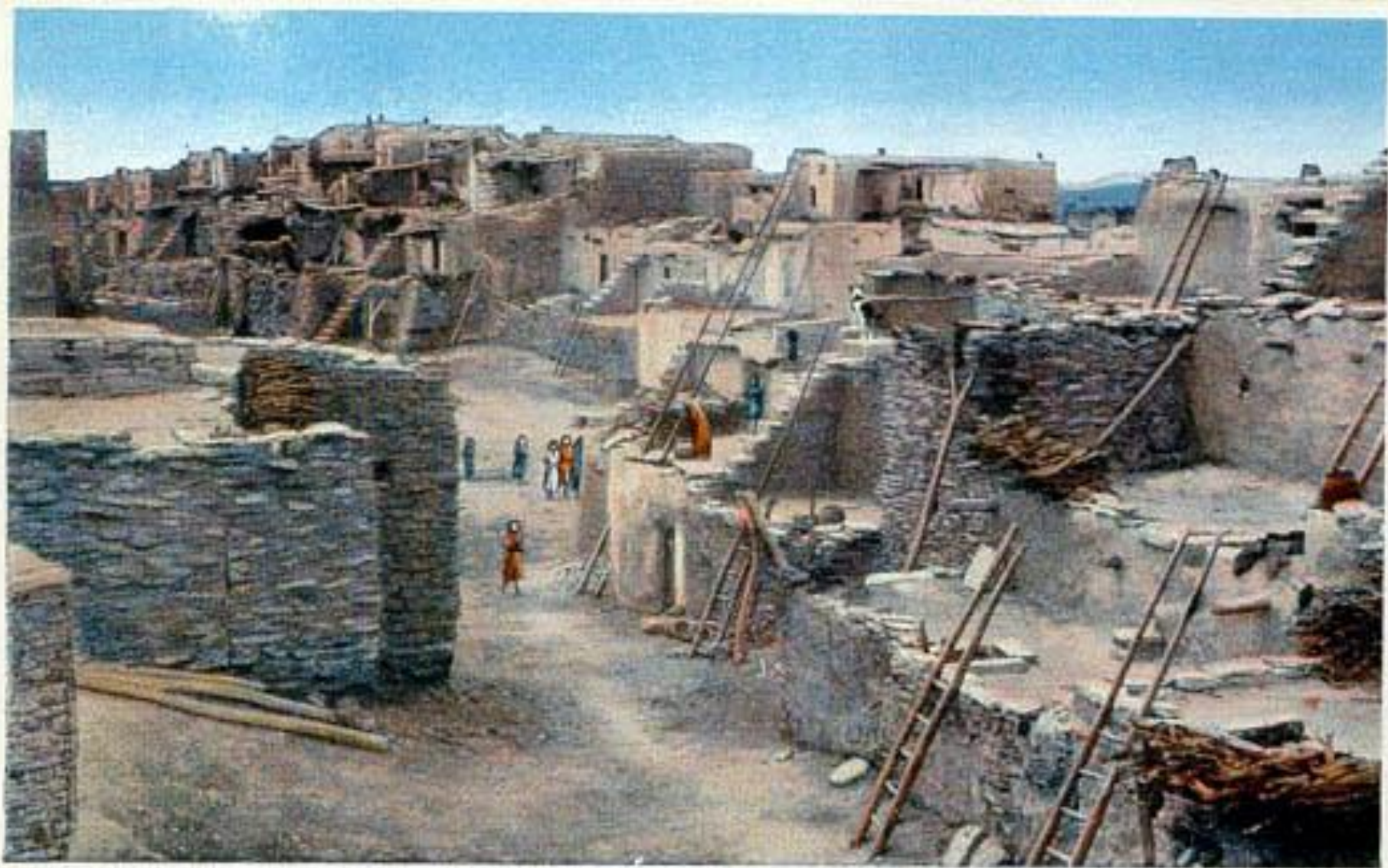


Hogan

Pueblos

- Pueblos are villages made up of sandstone.
- **Pueblos are like apartments, and can have 800 rooms joined together in one building!**
- Pueblos ladders getting from place to place, and they could be pulled inside in case of an attack.





HOPI INDIAN PUEBLO, ORAIBI, ARIZONA.



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Hogans

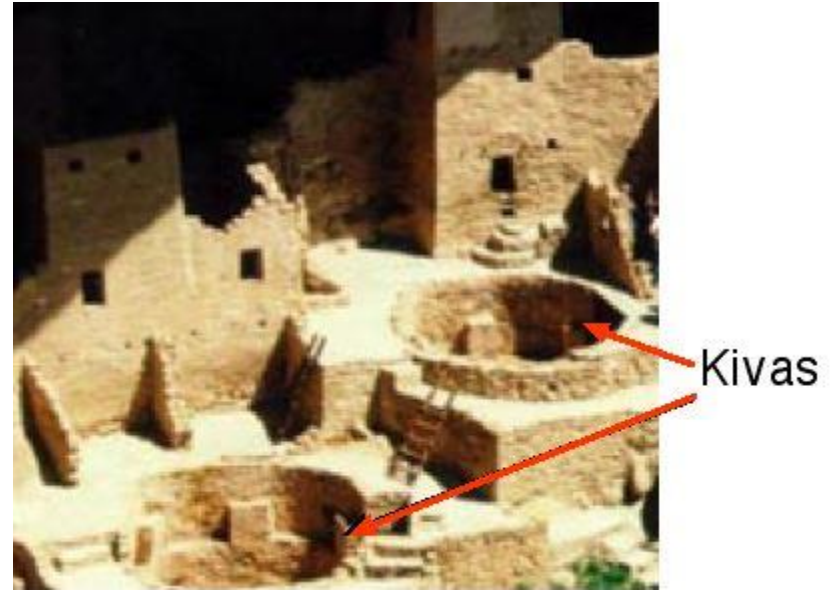
- Some smaller Southwest Desert Indian tribes lived in hogans.
- **Hogans are built at the base of hills, and are made of everything from nature (dirt, animal, wood...)**
- A village would spread out over a large piece of land, but families would cluster together.





For Men Only – The Kiva

- A kiva was a round room built underground at the base of the homes.
- Only men were allowed into the kiva.
- To get in and out, the men had to go by ladder through the roof.
- Religious ceremonies happened here, and laws were made.



How did the Southwest Desert Indians travel?

- The Southwest Indians didn't travel.
- Where they settled, was there they stayed.
- It was hard living in the desert, so many Southwest Indian tribes rarely encountered tribes from other areas.

Desert Fashion

- Clothes were mostly woven from threads of the yucca plant and cotton.
- The Southwest Desert Indians didn't have a lot of animal skins that they could use.
- Since it was hot all year, clothing was kept very light and sparse.
 - Sparse = barely anything
- Men and women wore a lot of jewelry.



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The Snake Dance (ick!)

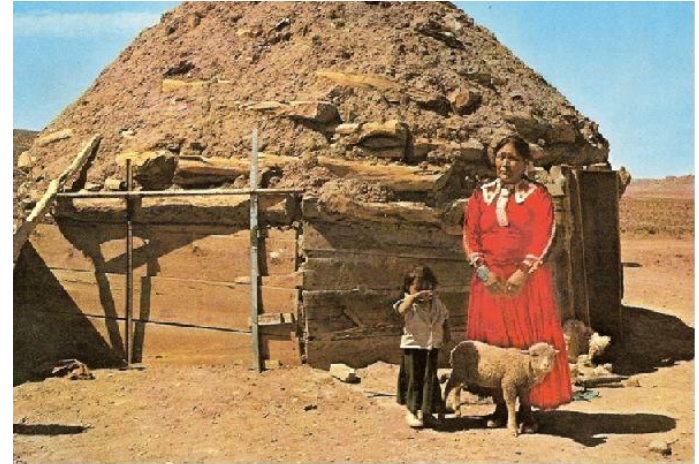


- The snake represented harmony between all things living.
- For 8 days live snakes (mostly rattlers) were collected from the four corners of the village, and placed in an underground room. They would normally collect 100-200 snakes.
- Priests would stroke them with eagle feathers to soothe them.
- On the last day, priests would take each snake and hold it in their mouth then throw it in cornmeal before releasing it.



Navajo and Apache

- The Navajo shared the same language with the Apache.
- The Apache lived near Pueblo tribes, which they raided for food, and livestock.
- The Apache and Navajo dressed in animal skins, used dogs as pack animals.
- The Navajo lived in hogans, and the Apache pitched tent-like dwellings made of brush or hide, called wikiups.
- The Navajo copied corn and bean growing practices from the Anasazi and raised sheep.



Reconstructed Apache wikiup and metate.

The Navajo

The Navajo were known for herding sheep and other livestock.

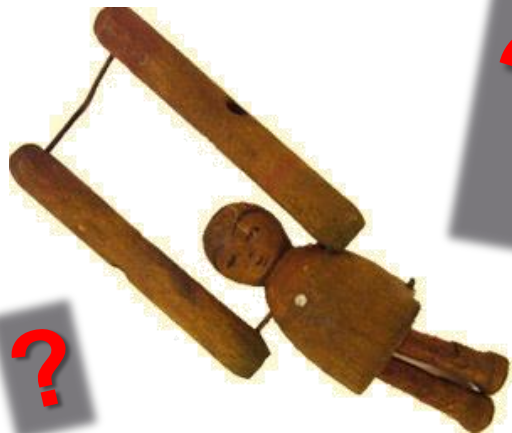
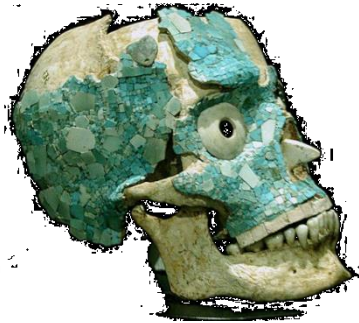
They lived in hogans, made out of mud and wood.

The Navajo believed that the first hogan was built by the coyote and the beaver – to represent the first man and woman.



Guess *the* Artifact

The Indians of the Southwest



Southwest

Guess *the* Artifact

Southwest

This series will focus on artifacts from Native American tribes of the **Southwest** cultural region, such as:

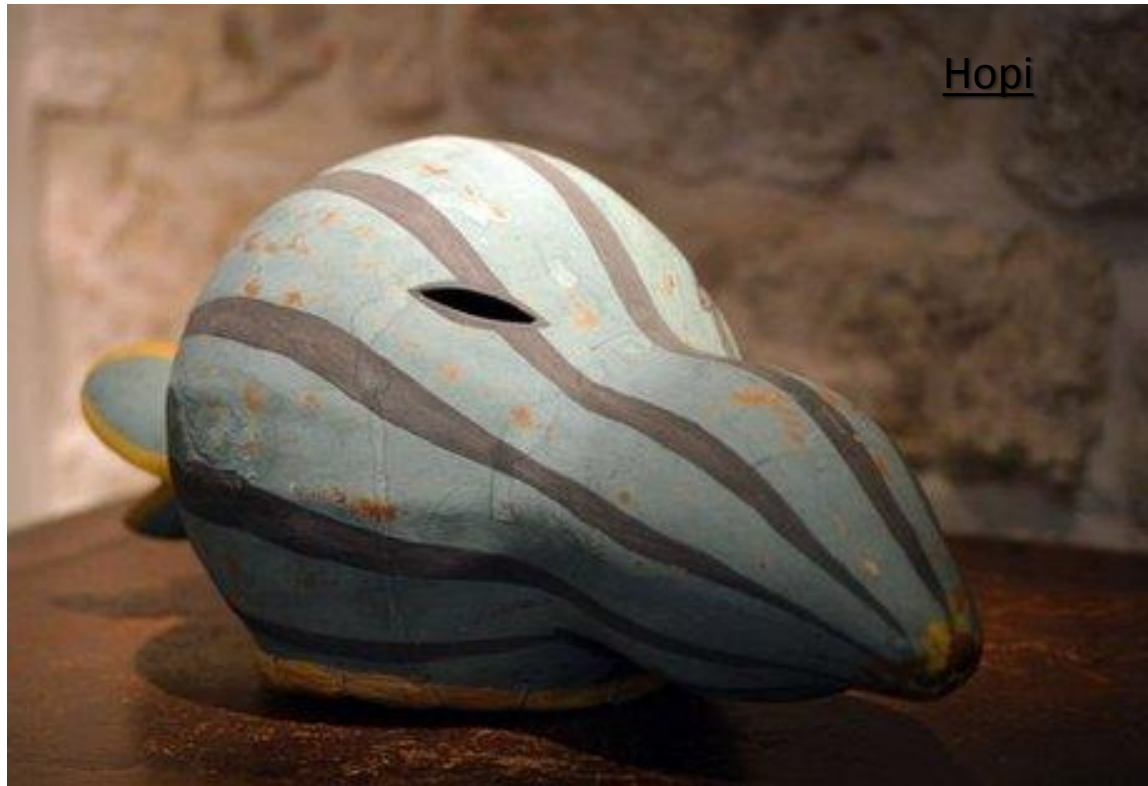


- Navajo
- Apache
- Hopi
- Pueblo

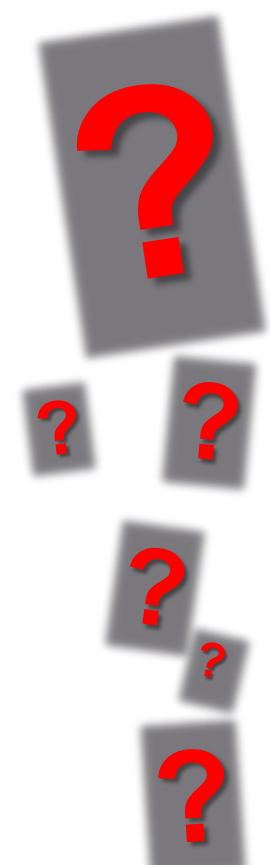
Southwest Guess *the* Artifact Southwest

Hint: There is an opening at the bottom

Answer: Hopi ceremonial mask



Hopi



Southwest Guess *the* Artifact Southwest

Hint: more of the same (yet different)

Answer: Hopi ceremonial masks



Southwest **Guess the Artifact** Southwest

Hint: hollow with handles

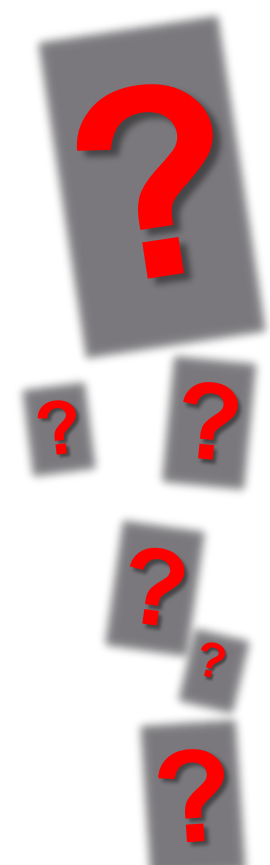
Answer: Traditional coiled Hopi basket



Southwest **Guess the Artifact** Southwest

Hint: made to be permanent

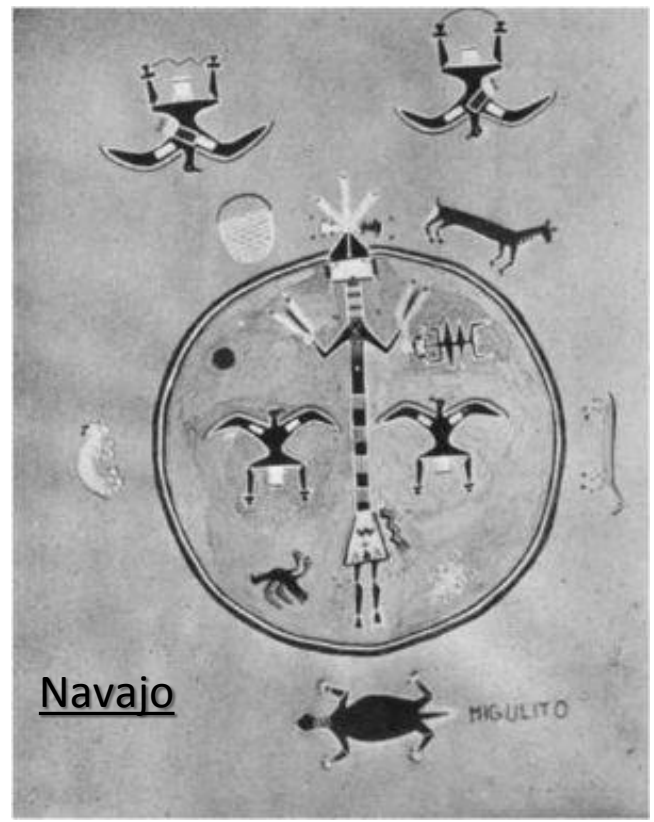
Answer: "Hogan" (Navajo mud dwelling)



Southwest Guess *the* Artifact Southwest

Hint: a painting, yes, but what is it made of?

Answer: Navajo sand painting



Southwest Guess *the* Artifact Southwest

Hint: same thing, but in color

Answer: Navajo sand paintings

Navajo



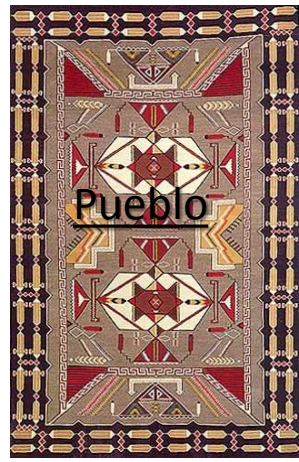
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Hint: to stay warm

Answer: Pueblo sheep wool blankets

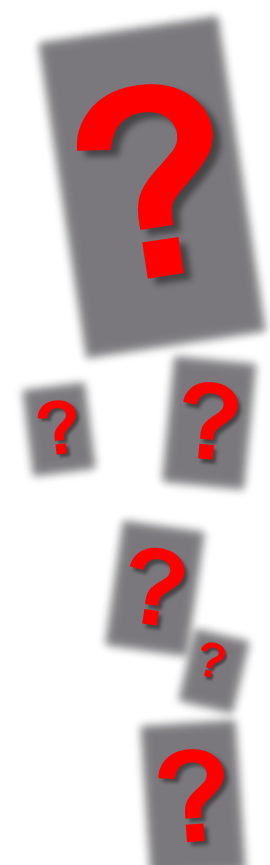


Southwest Guess *the* Artifact Southwest

Hint: jewelry, yes, but what is it made from?

Answer: Navajo silver & jade necklaces

Navajo

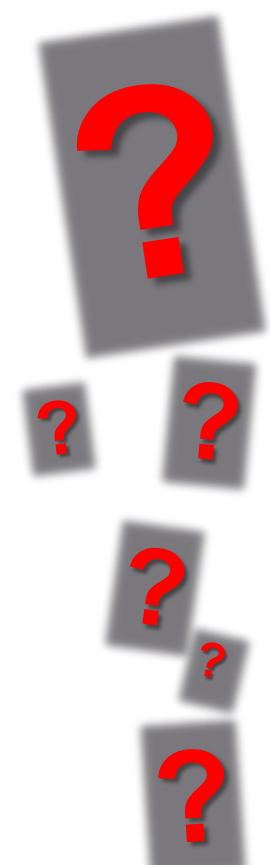


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Hint: still common today

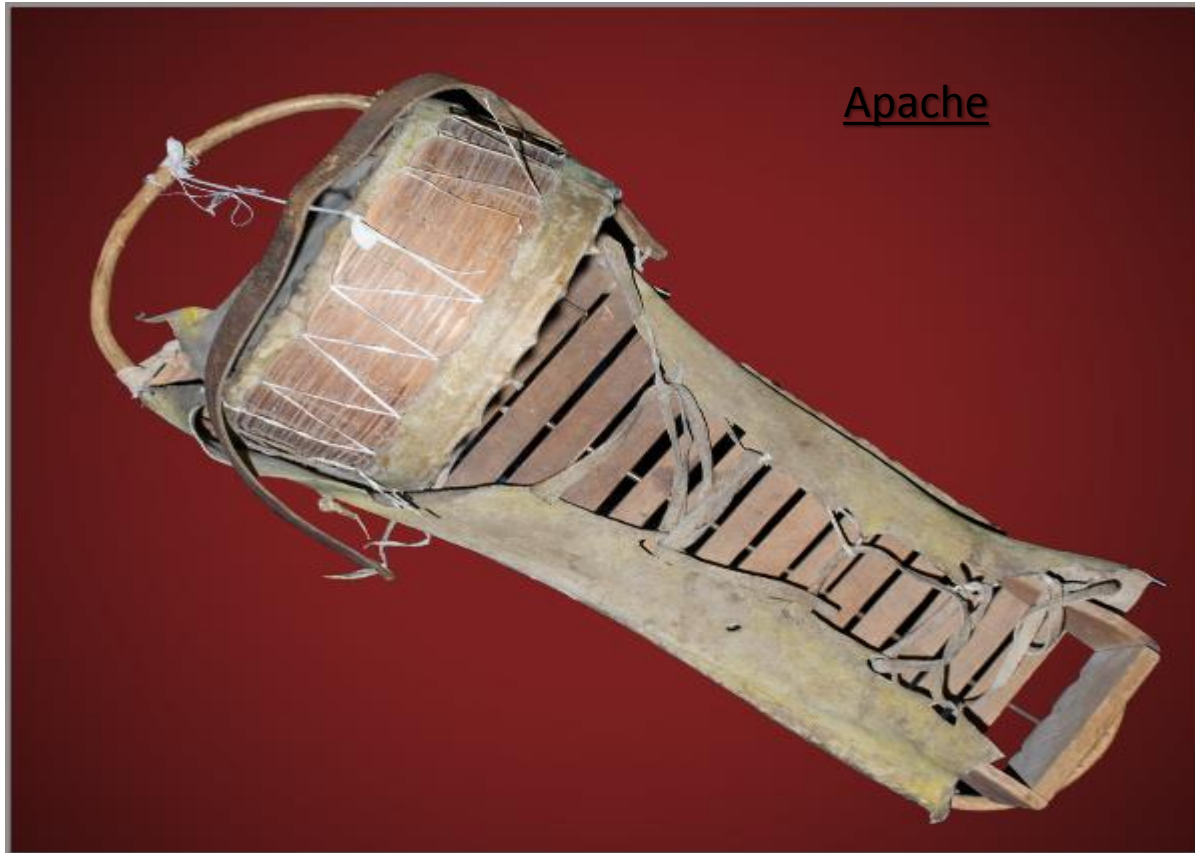
Answer: Dream catcher

Apache

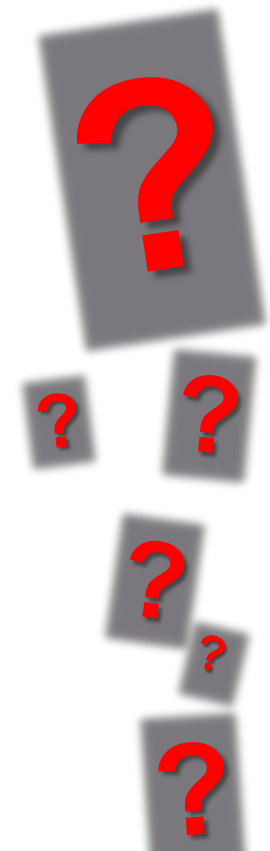


Hint: for the baby

Answer: Apache cradleboard



Apache



Southwest Guess *the* Artifact Southwest

Hint: goes boom boom boom

Answer: Apache drums



Southwest

Guess *the* Artifact

Southwest

Hint: name the weapon

Answer: Navajo spears



Southwest Guess *the* Artifact Southwest

Hint: made from a pine tree

Answer: Pueblo war club (made from pine knot)



Southwest Guess *the* Artifact Southwest

Hint: pottery with a purpose

Answer: Pueblo canteen



Southwest Guess *the* Artifact Southwest

Hint: famous name

Answer: Geronimo (Apache)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DQAsUo44jM>