

The Southwest is home to many Native American nations and tribes, including descendants of the ancient cliff dwellers and Pueblo people from the desert Southwest and the Great Plains.

Apache The Apache were a tribe of warriors who rode horses and followed the grazing animals of the Southwest. The Apache were hunters and gatherers and did not grow crops. They lived mainly in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and Oklahoma. Geronimo was one of the most famous Apache leaders and is still known as one of the most feared Native American leaders.

Anasazi One of the oldest civilizations in the Southwest, the Anasazi were ancestors to the Pueblo peoples. Their rock art is among the greatest and most ancient of American treasures. Some modern-day descendants disapprove of the label Anasazi because it was not their name, but rather a name that old enemies had given to the people. The people lived in multistoried, cliff-side homes with timber and clay walls, called adobes. Their main crop was corn, and farmland surrounded their villages, which were located in the Four Corners area of New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, and Arizona.

Hopi The Hopi were descendants of the Pueblo, and their name means "good, peaceful, or wise." They were excellent farmers in a dry climate and grew grains and vegetables. The Hopi were known for their beautiful woven fabrics and jewelry. While the Hopi live mostly in Arizona today, the tribe has lived in parts of California, New Mexico, and Nevada.

Navajo The Navajo tribe is the largest of the North American tribes. Their ancestors were warriors who rode horses and sometimes raided the Pueblo tribes for food. The Navajo were known for making beautiful sand paintings. Most Navajo live in Arizona; however, the tribe once lived in other parts of the Southwest including New Mexico.

Pueblo The Pueblo people were the descendants of the Anasazi. The Pueblos were corn farmers and hunter-gatherers. The Pueblo made beautiful jewelry and were very peaceful people. They lived in parts of Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

Ute The Ute Native Americans are the oldest Colorado residents. They once occupied the land that is now Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. The Utes traded with Spaniards, and they began trading their goods for horses, which they found very valuable.

Zuni Descendants of the Anasazi, the Zuni lived in areas throughout New Mexico and Arizona. The Zuni are highly spiritual and known for their beautiful artwork. Additionally, Zuni people maintain a language that is unlike other Native American languages. Living mainly in Zuni, New Mexico, this tribe continues to occupy a land the size of Rhode Island.

1. The name of this tribe means "good, peaceful, or wise."

2. Geronimo belonged to which tribe?

3. Which is the largest Native American tribe?

4. What is an adobe?

5. Who are the oldest Colorado residents?

6. Which tribes were descendants of the so-called Anasazi?
