


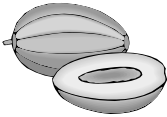





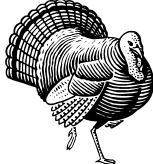
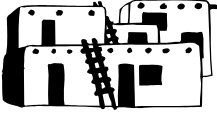




Southwest Food


Indians from the Southwest were farmers. They grew corn , beans , and squash . They also grew melons  and peaches . There was very little rain . The Indians of the Southwest dug ditches to collect water  for their crops. Some hunted small animals like birds  and rabbits . They ate wild turkeys , too.


Southwest Shelter

There were many stones and stone cliffs  in the Southwest.

Some of the Indians carved their homes in the stone cliffs. Others made adobe houses . Adobe is sun-dried brick  made of clay and grass.

Adobe houses had many rooms. Some adobe houses were four or five stories high. A ladder  was used to get from one story to the next.

At night, the ladder  was taken inside so enemies could not get in.

Many adobe houses together made a village . There was an

open space in the middle of the village where everyone could get together for special times.

Southwest Art/Recreation


Indians from the Southwest were great weavers. They used dried

grasses to weave baskets . They used yarn made from sheep's

wool to weave beautiful blankets .


There was a lot of clay because the land was dry and hot. The Indians

used the clay to make pottery . They made bowls  and

pots . Southwest Indians also liked to make beautiful pictures





with sand. This was called “sand painting”. They used dyes

from plants  to color the sand. They liked to make sand paintings

for special days of the year.

Southwest Transportation

Indians who lived in the Southwest traveled by foot . They


walked everywhere. There were many mesas  and cliffs




. The Indians dug holes in the sides of the mesas and cliffs.

Then they put their hands and feet in the holes so they could climb them.

There were not many rivers  so they did not need canoes. They

used baskets  to carry things. Later, the Southwest Indians

got horses  from the Spanish people who came to our country.

Southwest Physical Surroundings, Location, and Climate

The Southwest region includes Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and

northern Mexico. Much of the land is desert . There is very little water

. The climate is mostly hot  and dry all year round. The land is

uneven.

There are many stones, canyons, and mesas. A canyon 

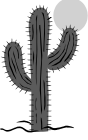



is a deep valley with high sides. A mesa  is like a hill or

small mountain with high sides and a flat top. The Southwest Indians

grew their crops on the tops of mesas. Stones, clay, and mesas were

natural resources. The Southwest Indians used them to meet many of

their needs.

Cactuses  grow in the desert. Some animals that live there are
geckos , kangaroo rats , and armadillos .