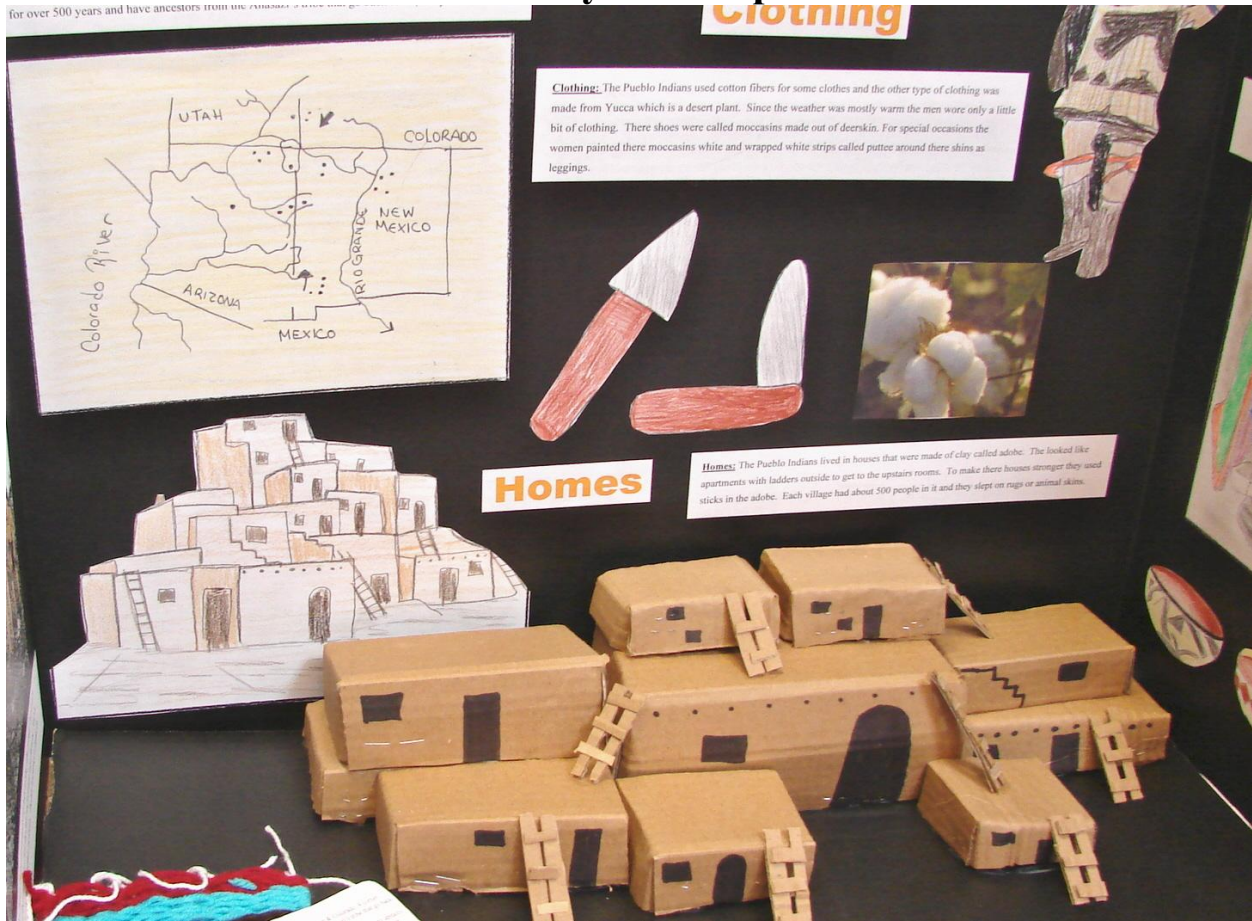


Pueblo by Christopher



What does the word Pueblo mean? The word Pueblo is a Spanish word that means a village or town.

Location: The Pueblo Indians lived and still live in the southwest deserts, mostly in New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Colorado also known as the 4 corner regions. They have been living there for over 500 years and have ancestors from the Anasazi's tribe that go back to 20,000 years.

Food: The Pueblo Indians were mostly vegetarians that farmed squash, com and beans. When they ate meat they hunted small animals like rabbits, gophers and squirrels. They hunted large animal such as deer, antelope, and mountain lions to eat as well. Families had there own gardens that grew peppers, onions and chilies.

Homes: The Pueblo Indians lived in houses that were made of clay called adobe. They looked like apartments with ladders outside to get to the upstairs rooms. To make their houses stronger they used sticks in the adobe. Each village had about 500 people in it and they slept on rugs or animal skins.

Clothing: The Pueblo Indians used cotton fibers for some clothes and the other type of clothing was made from Yucca which is a desert plant. Since the weather was mostly warm the men wore only a little bit of clothing. There shoes were called moccasins made out of deerskin. For special occasions the women painted their moccasins white and wrapped white strips called puttee around their shins as leggings.

Art and Music: The Pueblo Indians made pottery, clothing, Jewelry and baskets. Their art designs were painted and carved to use symbols to tell stories. They also made drums that they could play and dance to.

Family Life: The Pueblo Indians did not travel much only to go to other tribes to trade. Did you know that the kids would scare away the scare crows from the crops and would go to get firewood? And you know other tribes use bow and arrows the Pueblo Indians use spears. The men would pray to prepare for ceremonies and make arrows.