

# Quechan Tribe – Yuma Indians

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**Where did they live?** The tribes live along the Colorado River in southeastern California and southwest Arizona.

**Where do the people live today?** They now reside on a 44,000 acre reservation on the California side of the Colorado River.

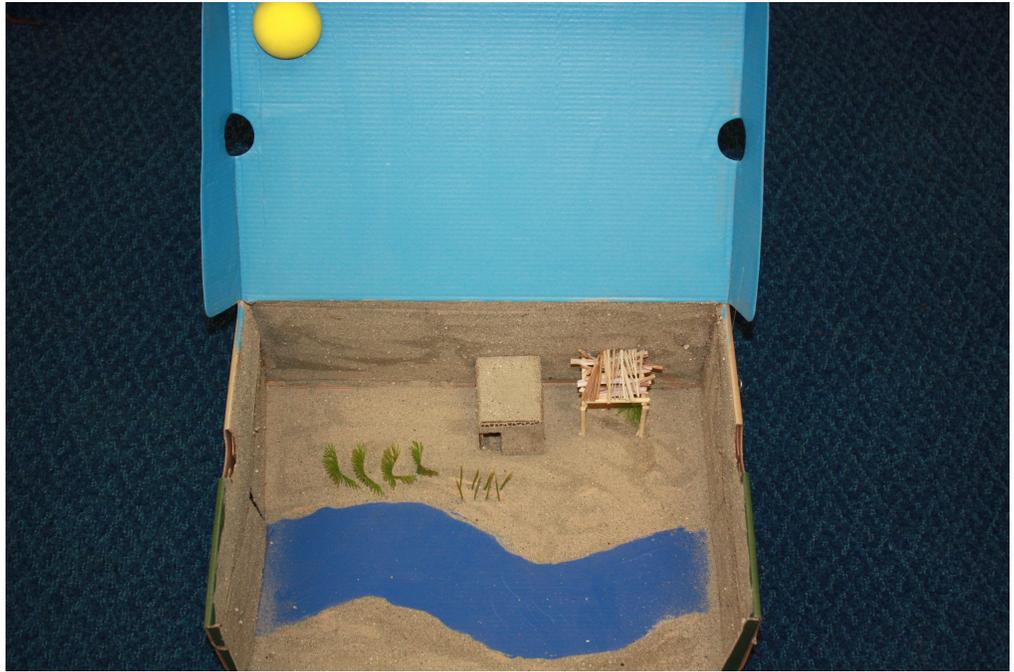
**What did they eat?** They ate wheat, beans, corn, squash, and melons. They also hunted and ate rabbits, deer, and birds. They mostly ate fish.

**What did they wear?** Men wore loin cloths from animal skins. Women wore a skirt or apron made of bark.

**What special ceremonies did they have?** The major tribal

ceremony was the kar-uk held to honor the memory of deceased tribal members.

**What kind of homes did they build?** They built Mojave-type homes made with logs and poles and had a thatch or weed covering.



### Interesting facts:

1. Souls of the dead pass through four layers. The last is the land of the dead, a land of plenty and happiness. Best times were enjoyed by those killed in battle.
2. Both men and women painted their bodies. They also had various tattoos over their bodies.
3. They used percussion instruments for their religious ceremonies. Alcohol was also used, where they had intoxicated dreams. The women would hide the weapons during these festivals to avoid trouble.
4. They would war with other tribes for control of land and trades and take prisoners. War was a way to strengthen the tribe's spiritual power.
5. The Quechan went from being a poor tribe to now owning a large casino and resort at the Quechan Paradise Casino.