

## Zuni by Mikayla



My report is on the Zuni Tribe. The Zuni tribe is an Indian Tribe. The Zuni tribe originated from a tribe that lived in an area for over 1,000 years before the arrival of the Europeans. They reside near the Zuni River that is located in New Mexico/Arizona. The Zuni tribe still claims the land that they lived on for years which is about the size of Rhode Island. The Zuni reservation is detached from the outside world. This allows the people to live their life without being influenced by the western civilization. Not like any other tribe the Zuni Indians were never required to leave their homes.

The Zuni men are hunters. They search for deer, rabbits, birds, and other small animals. They also have been planters and farmers for years and they know how to plant vegetables and fruits. For gardening they would use wooden rakes and hoes. The Zuni women are responsible for preparing the food and tending their own small gardens filled with herbs, chili, and spices. While the Zuni men were hunting the Zuni women were gathering nuts, herbs and fruits. The Zuni tribe lived in homes that were made of stone adobe with flat roofs. Their homes look like multi-story house complexes complete with hefty stones cemented jointly with adobe (a combination of clay and straw).

The Zuni Tribe is also unique in their own way than any other tribe. They have a chant about the Sun, Mother Earth and the Moon because they have a custom way of doing that. The Zuni tribe is also known for their pottery. The Zuni tribe is well-known for arts and crafts. They are also well-known for colorful rugs, baskets and necklaces. Also the Zuni tribe's art is still thriving.

Formerly, Zuni men didn't wear a large amount of clothes these days. They only wore breechcloths or short kilts. The Zuni women wore knee-length cotton dresses called mantas. A manta secured at a women's right shoulder, leaving her left shoulder uncovered. Missionaries didn't think the dress style was humble enough. So every time Zuni women wore a manta they would wear a shift under it.

During most of the days the Native Americans didn't have horses until the colonists brought them over from Europe. So the Zunis used dogs to pull intense loads. The Zuni hunters used bows and arrows. In war Zuni men fired their bows or fought with spears and war clubs.