

PATHS OF LIFE

American Indians of the Southwest

The Apache 6th Grade and Up Discovery Hunt



The Apache call themselves the Indé, meaning People in their language. Look at the map at the start of the Western Apache exhibit. In this exhibit you will learn about the Western Apache tribe which consists of the White Mountain, San Carlos and Tonto Apache. They are located in central Arizona within the mountainous regions.



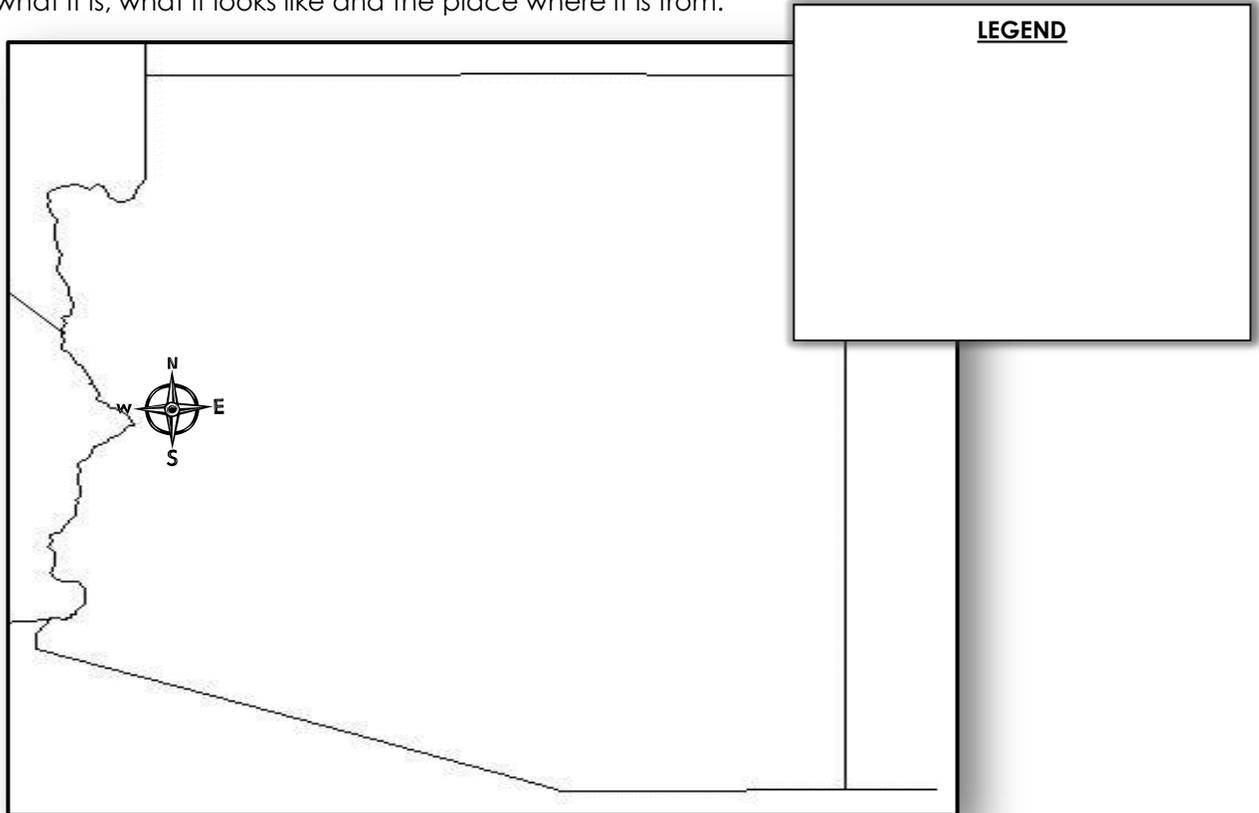
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The Apache Homeland

The central Arizona mountains are important to the Apache because the Apache believe that the Gaan, or Mountain Spirits, live in them. The mountains are also important to the Apache because they provided food and shelter for the Apache. Learn more about the geography of the homeland of the Apache by completing the map activity below.

1. Label Arizona.
2. Outline the traditional Apache territory with a dotted line.
3. Outline the modern Apache territory with a solid line. Label the reservations.
4. Place a dot for the following cities and then label the dots: Tucson, Phoenix, Flagstaff, Ft. Apache, Whiteriver, San Carlos, Bulas, and Holbrook.
5. Draw and label the following rivers: Salt, Gila River, San Pedro and Little Colorado River.
6. Create the legend using the symbols you used to create the map.
For example: - - - - = traditional Apache territory.
7. Find photos and objects in the exhibit that relate to any of the Apache places on the map. Pick a photo or object that really interests you and, on the lines below the map, describe what it is, what it looks like and the place where it is from.





The Mountain Spirits and Their Teachings

Listen to the story of the Apache boy and his dog by pushing the red button next to the case of the Mountain Spirits or Gaan. The story tells you how the Apache learned from the Mountain Spirits about the right way to live. They learned how to live in harmony with the plants and animals with whom they share the land.

Each Gaan spirit in the case has its own color of blue, black, white or yellow and each spirit represents a cardinal direction of either north, east, south or west. In their hands they hold musical instruments. What are some of the teachings the Mountain Spirits passed down to the Apache?

Now, turn around and look at the cases that contain different objects made by the Apache using resources gathered from the land. Resources are things like plants and animals. Complete the table below by identifying some of the objects that you see in the cases: 1) write the name of the object, 2) write its function (what it was used for) and 3) write what resource(s) were used to make it. Number 1 has been done for you.

	<u>OBJECT</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>RESOURCE(S) USED</u>
1	WATER BOTTLE	HOLDING WATER	AGAVE STALK
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			