

Name: _____

Date: _____

Native America – Great Basin Tribal Region

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions from the reading.



Wickiup

The Great Basin is located between two mountain ranges (Rocky and Sierra Nevada). There are flatlands with salty soil and sand where very little grows but sagebrush. It is very dry and desert like, but cold.

Native American's who lived in the Great Basin lived in wickiups. Food was scarce so the people had to move in a wide area searching for food, and their shelters were quickly built of branches, grass and sagebrush. Plants provided most of the food for the people. Piñon nuts, agave paste, berries, wild onion and carrots were often eaten. Baskets were made from brush and grasses, because the people carried their things with them when they traveled looking for food. Salmon and trout were very important foods for all the people in this region. They caught fish in several different ways. One way was spearing them; another way was to make nets to catch them. The fish were cleaned and hung on racks to dry or smoked over a fire.

Horses were important to the people of the Great Basin which first came to the area in 1730 by the Spanish. Horses helped the people travel farther to find food and to trade with other tribes and traders.

Just like all other tribes, the Great Basin people dressed in materials found in the region where they lived. In hot weather, men wore breechcloths made of animal skins or woven grass or reeds. When it got colder, especially in the northern part of the region, they added deerskin shirts, leggings, and moccasins. Women wore dresses of skins, and later of cotton.

1. Which animal(s) were most important to these people? _____
2. What type of clothe(s) did the people of this region wear? _____
3. What type of home(s) did the people of this region live in? _____
4. What is the climate like in this region? _____
5. What type of food(s) did the people of this region eat? _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Native America – Great Basin Tribal Region

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions from the reading.



Wickiup

The Great Basin is located between two mountain ranges (Rocky and Sierra Nevada). There are flatlands with salty soil and sand where very little grows but sagebrush. It is very dry and desert like, but cold.

Native American's who lived in the Great Basin lived in wickiups. Food was scarce so the people had to move in a wide area searching for food, and their shelters were quickly built of branches, grass and sagebrush. Plants provided most of the food for the people. Piñon nuts, agave paste, berries, wild onion and carrots were often eaten. Baskets were made from brush and grasses, because the people carried their things with them when they traveled looking for food. Salmon and trout were very important foods for all the people in this region. They caught fish in several different ways. One way was spearing them; another way was to make nets to catch them. The fish were cleaned and hung on racks to dry or smoked over a fire.

Horses were important to the people of the Great Basin which first came to the area in 1730 by the Spanish. Horses helped the people travel farther to find food and to trade with other tribes and traders.

Just like all other tribes, the Great Basin people dressed in materials found in the region where they lived. In hot weather, men wore breechcloths made of animal skins or woven grass or reeds. When it got colder, especially in the northern part of the region, they added deerskin shirts, leggings, and moccasins. Women wore dresses of skins, and later of cotton.

1. Which animal(s) were most important to these people? Horses
2. What type of clothe(s) did the people of this region wear? Breechcloths, Shirts, Leggings, Moccasins
3. What type of home(s) did the people of this region live in? Wickiup
4. What is the climate like in this region? Very dry and cold
5. What type of food(s) did the people of this region eat? Plants, Salmon, Trout