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Texas Geography and Its Indigenous People

Texas Geography and Its Indigenous People: Vocabulary

Experience	Word	Definition
Settled Tribes: The Caddo and Jumano	adapt to the environment	changed the way people lived or built homes to use the natural resources and conditions around them
Indigenous People and the Environment	adapt	to change the way you live so you can meet your needs in your environment
Settled Tribes: The Caddo and Jumano	adobe	a building material made mostly from clay mixed with water and straw, then dried in the sun
Arrival of People in Texas	archaeologist	a scientist who studies people from long ago by examining artifacts and other evidence they left behind
Arrival of People in Texas	artifact	an object made or used by people in the past that helps historians learn about how they lived
Nomadic Tribes: Lipan Apache, Karankawa, and Comanche	band	a small group of families who lived, traveled, hunted, and made decisions together
Regions of Texas: Mountains and Basins	basin	a low area of land surrounded by higher land
Arrival of People in Texas	Beringia	a land bridge that once connected Asia and North America during the Ice Age
Case Study: An Indigenous Nation	case study	a detailed look at one person, group, or topic so you can understand it better and make conclusions
Regions of Texas: Great Plains	canyon	a deep, narrow valley with steep sides, usually carved by a river or stream, such as Palo Duro Canyon
Comparing Regions of Texas	climate	the usual weather conditions of a place over time, such as how hot, dry, or rainy a region is



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Comparing Regions of Texas	compass rose	a map tool that shows directions such as north, south, east, and west
Settled Tribes: The Caddo and Jumano	confederacy	a group of communities that join together as allies; the Caddo were organized into three confederacies
Regions of Texas: Coastal Plains	Coastal Plains	the largest region of Texas, stretching from northeast Texas to the southern tip of the state, including the Gulf Coast
Regions of Texas: Coastal Plains	county	a part of a state that helps provide local government services, such as roads, elections, and the sheriff's office
Indigenous People and the Environment	culture region	an area where groups of people share similar ways of life, such as food, homes, and traditions
Nomadic Tribes: Lipan Apache, Karankawa, and Comanche	cultural region	an area where people share similar ways of life because of the land, climate, and resources around them
Regions of Texas: North Central Plains	economic activity	the work people do to earn a living, such as farming, ranching, and shipping goods
Regions of Texas: Mountains and Basins	elevation	the height of land above sea level
Regions of Texas: Great Plains	escarpment	a steep slope or long cliff that separates areas of different elevation, such as the Caprock Escarpment
Regions of Texas: Great Plains	Great Plains	one of the four physical regions of Texas; it includes much of the Panhandle and has dry, often windy weather, important landforms, and fewer people than many other parts of Texas
Nomadic Tribes: Lipan Apache, Karankawa, and	Gulf culture region	the cultural region along the Texas Gulf Coast where groups such as the Karankawa lived by fishing, hunting, gathering, and traveling by canoe



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Regions of Texas: Great Plains	habitat	the natural home of a plant or animal; prairie dogs have lost some of their habitat because of human activity
Regions of Texas: Coastal Plains	hurricane	a storm that forms over warm tropical oceans and brings strong winds and heavy rain that can cause flooding and damage
Indigenous People and the Environment	hunter-gatherers	people who got food by hunting animals and gathering wild plants instead of farming
Arrival of People in Texas	Indigenous	the first people of a place; in this lesson, the Native peoples who lived in what is now Texas and North America
Case Study: An Indigenous Nation	indigenous nation	a Native people with its own community, culture, and tribal government; in this lesson, students study nations living in Texas today
Case Study: An Indigenous Nation	inquiry questions	questions you create to guide your research and help you find important information
Indigenous People and the Environment	irrigation	a way of bringing water to crops, especially in dry places, so plants can grow
Regions of Texas: Mountains and Basins	irrigation	bringing water to land so crops can grow in a dry place
Comparing Regions of Texas	landforms	natural features of Earth's surface, such as mountains, plains, and basins, that help describe a region
Comparing Regions of Texas	legend	the part of a map that explains what the colors and symbols on the map mean
Settled Tribes: The Caddo and Jumano	mound center	a place with large earthen mounds where the Caddo held ceremonies and built important public and religious buildings



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Regions of Texas: Mountains and Basins	Mountains and Basins region	the region in far West Texas that has mountains, plateaus, basins, a dry climate, and a small population except for El Paso
Regions of Texas: Coastal Plains	natural resources	useful materials found in nature that people use, such as rich soil, forests, oil, gas, rivers, and the Gulf of Mexico
Regions of Texas: North Central Plains	natural resources	useful materials found in nature that people use, such as oil and natural gas in the North Central Plains
Indigenous People and the Environment	nomadic	moving from place to place instead of living in one permanent home
Nomadic Tribes: Lipan Apache, Karankawa, and Comanche	nomadic	moving from place to place instead of living in one permanent settlement all year
Arrival of People in Texas	nomadic	moving from place to place instead of staying in one settlement all year
Regions of Texas: North Central Plains	North Central Plains	one of the four physical regions of Texas; it has grasslands, some hills and valleys, hot summers, cooler winters, and farming and ranching
Case Study: An Indigenous Nation	oral presentation	a spoken report shared with an audience to explain information learned from research
Regions of Texas: Great Plains	Panhandle	the northern part of Texas that looks like a handle on the map and is part of the Great Plains region
Regions of Texas: Mountains and Basins	physical map	a map that shows natural features of the land, such as elevation, mountains, rivers, and lakes
Comparing Regions of Texas	physical regions of Texas	the four main parts of Texas with different landforms, climate, vegetation, and economic activities: Mountains and Basins, Great Plains, North Central Plains, and Coastal Plains



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Nomadic Tribes: Lipan Apache, Karankawa, and Comanche	Plains culture region	the cultural region of the open grasslands where groups such as the Lipan Apache and Comanche lived, hunted bison, and traveled long distances
Regions of Texas: Great Plains	plateau	a high land area with a fairly level surface, such as the Edwards Plateau and the High Plains
Regions of Texas: Mountains and Basins	plateau	a high area of land with a mostly flat top
Regions of Texas: Coastal Plains	political map	a map that shows boundaries between government areas, such as states and counties, and may also show cities, roads, and water features
Regions of Texas: Coastal Plains	populous	having a large population; the Coastal Plains is the most populous region in Texas
Regions of Texas: North Central Plains	population change	the way the number of people in a place grows, stays the same, or gets smaller over time
Regions of Texas: Great Plains	population density	how many people live in a certain area; a population density map helps show where more or fewer people live
Case Study: An Indigenous Nation	primary source	information from a direct or original source, such as an interview, artifact, document, or photograph from the time being studied
Settled Tribes: The Caddo and Jumano	pueblo	a style of home in the Southwest, often built from adobe bricks
Regions of Texas: North Central Plains	railroad lines	train routes that connect places and help move people and goods, which can help a city grow
Nomadic Tribes: Lipan Apache, Karankawa, and Comanche	relocate	to move to a new place to live, often because another group pushed people out of their homeland



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Indigenous People and the Environment	sacred	considered special or holy because of religious or spiritual meaning
Comparing Regions of Texas	scale	a map tool that shows how distances on a map compare to real distances on the land
Case Study: An Indigenous Nation	secondary source	information created later that explains or tells about the past, such as a textbook, biography, or article
Arrival of People in Texas	sedentary	living mostly in one place instead of moving around, often in villages
Settled Tribes: The Caddo and Jumano	sedentary	settled in one place instead of moving from place to place
Indigenous People and the Environment	settlement	a place where people live, such as a village or community
Comparing Regions of Texas	similarities and differences	ways people compare regions by telling how they are alike and how they are not alike
Regions of Texas: North Central Plains	subregion	a smaller area inside a larger region that has its own features; the North Central Plains has the Rolling Plains, Cross Timbers, and Grand Prairie
Regions of Texas: Coastal Plains	subregions	smaller parts of a region that have different climate, vegetation, animals, and natural resources
Regions of Texas: North Central Plains	thematic map	a map that shows information about one topic, such as population change or railroad lines
Arrival of People in Texas	theory	an idea or explanation based on evidence that helps explain the past
Regions of Texas: Mountains and Basins	tourism	travel by visitors to places like mountains, deserts, and parks, which helps the region's economy
Case Study: An Indigenous Nation	writing process	the steps writers follow to create a report: prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing



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