

PATHS OF LIFE

American Indians of the Southwest

The Apache 2nd-5th Grade 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 observe 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 Mountain Spirits



The Apache love the mountains of their homeland in central Arizona. They believe that the Mountain Spirits, the Gaan, taught them how to hunt, gather, farm and raid the Apache way. Look inside the case of the Mountain Spirits. Each Mountain Spirit has its own color of blue, black, white, or yellow. The masks the Gaan wear represent North, South, East, and West. Push the red button to listen to the story of the Gaan.

After listening to the story, put the story in order by numbering them 1-10.

_____ The boy stumbled into the cave.

_____ The grandmother was told to stay near the cave for 4 nights.

_____ The Apache were not living the right way.

_____ The boy heard some strange noises coming from the cave.

_____ The boy and his dog went hunting.

_____ The Mountain spirits taught the Apache how to sing, dance and live the right way.

_____ The grandmother became frightened and went back to the village.

_____ One of the Mountain spirits pet the dog.

_____ The dog returned to the village and the grandmother noticed her grandson missing.

_____ The Apache sang and danced for 12 nights.

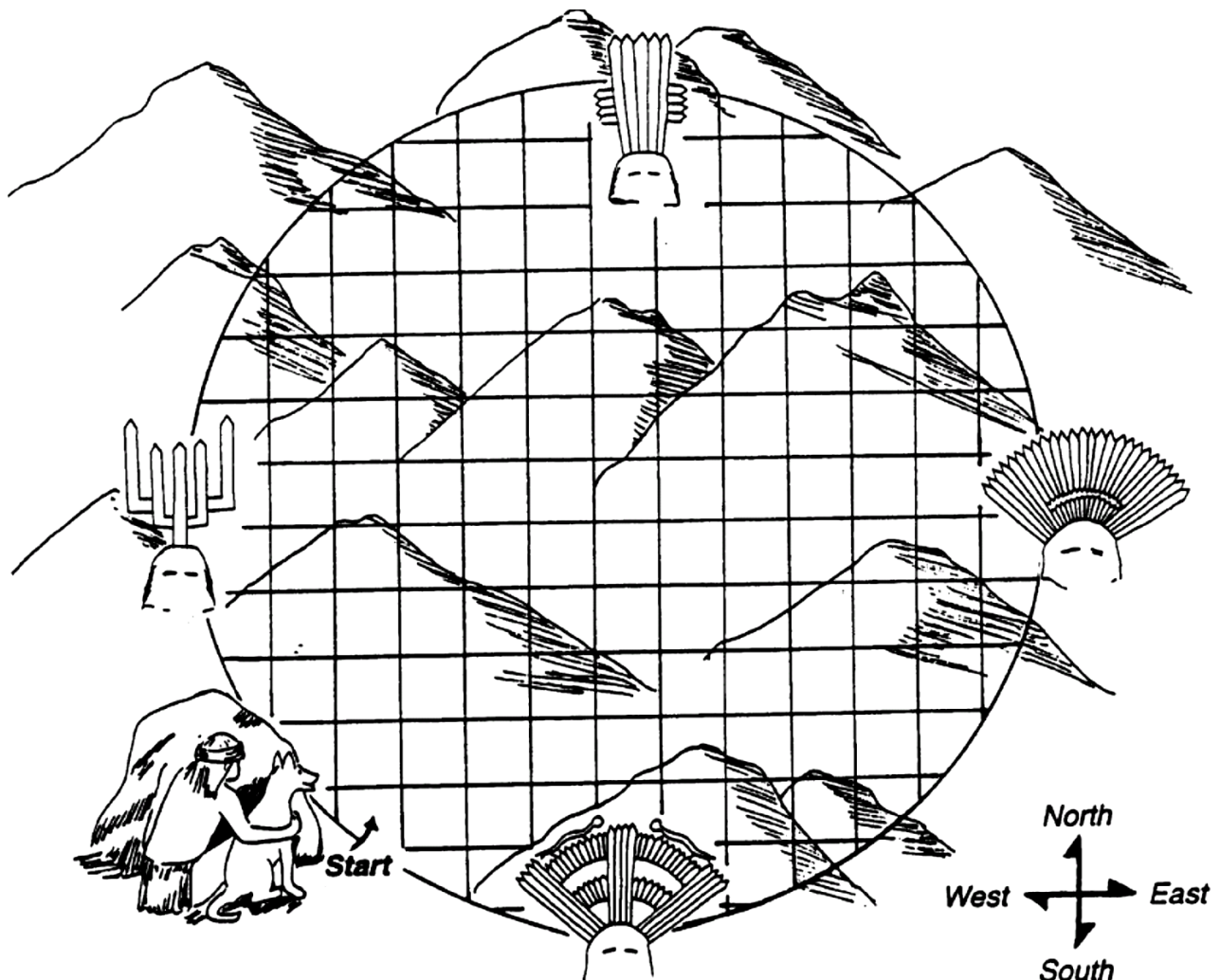
People of the Mountains



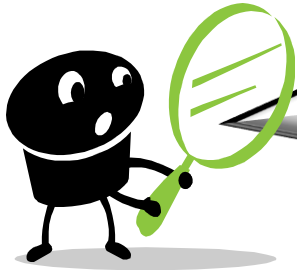
Now that you know the story of the Apache boy and the Mountain spirits, what happened to the boy at the end of the story? If you take a look at the panel at the beginning of this section, find a black and white photo of the Mountain spirits. How many of them are there? How many Mountain spirits were in the case?

Help the Apache boy find the cave of the Mountain spirits by using the map and the clues below.

1. Start at the square next to the boy and his dog.
2. Follow the compass directions through the mountains (1 square = 1 step)
3. Move North 1, East 7, North 2, West 6, North 5, East 2, South 1, East 6, South 2, West 3.
4. The last square at the end is the cave! Draw the cave spot.



Apache Tools



Look at the 4 cases of resources and tools used for farming, gathering, hunting and raiding. The Apache have made tools from all kinds of plants, animals and resources found in the surrounding environment. Read some of the labels in the case and discover what resources these tools are made from and how they use that tool. Also discover some resources that are edible!

Draw or make a list of tools next to the picture of resources below and describe in a few words its function. There may be more than one object for some of these resources so make sure you look at all 4 cases! Circle your favorite tool!



DEER



STONE



YUCCA



BEARGRASS



AGAVE



WILLOW