

Arizona Geography Study Guide for AZ Geography Quiz

Part 1: Vocabulary

1. ****Native:****

- ***Definition:*** A person or thing that has always been in a particular place; in the context of Arizona, it refers to the original inhabitants of the region.

2. ****Buttes:****

- ***Definition:*** Hills that stand all by themselves, with steep sides and a flat top. They're like nature's skyscrapers in Arizona!

3. ****Petrified:****

- ***Definition:*** When wood turns into rock over a really long time. Imagine turning a tree into a stone – that's petrified!

4. ****Elevation:****

- ***Definition:*** The height above a given level, often used to describe how high or low a location is relative to sea level.

5. ****Observatory:****

- ***Definition:*** A special place where you can look at the stars and planets using cool telescopes. It's like a space-watching clubhouse!

6. ****Boundaries:****

- ***Definition:*** Lines that define the limits or borders of something, such as the borders of a state or country.

7. ****Alfalfa:****

- ***Definition:*** A plant that farmers grow in Arizona to feed animals, especially cows. It's like a tasty snack for them!

8. ****Tributaries:****

- ***Definition:*** Smaller rivers or streams that flow into a larger river or body of water.

9. ****Reservoir:****

- ***Definition:*** A large artificial or natural lake used to store water for various purposes, including irrigation and drinking water; A big lake made by people to store water for farms and towns. It's like a giant water storage tank!

10. ****Recreation:****

- ***Definition:*** Activities done for enjoyment, relaxation, and leisure; could include sports, games, or outdoor activities.

11. **Erosion:**

- **Definition:** When wind, water, or ice slowly wear away the land over a very long time.

12. **Meteorite:**

- **Definition:** A space rock that falls from the sky and lands on Earth. Imagine a shooting star that reaches the ground!

13. **Extinct:**

- **Definition:** When a plant or animal is no longer alive or existing. It's like saying goodbye to a species forever.

14. **Reservation:**

- **Definition:** An area of land set aside for a specific group of people, often Native American communities.

15. **Mission:**

- **Definition:** A religious church, often established by missionaries, to spread their faith.

16. **Missionary:**

- **Definition:** A person who is sent on a religious mission, often to promote a particular faith or provide aid and support.

17. **Monuments:**

- **Definition:** Important structures or sites that remind us of special events or people from a long time ago.

Part 2: Maps

For the second part of this quiz, students should be able to correctly complete sentences such as: Grand Canyon is _____ (north, east, south, or west) of the Petrified Forest National Park, using the maps from our AZ Geography text (on Schoology and on the PDF on the classroom website).

(Answer: north OR west)