



Native American Tribes: Apache



Geronimo, whose Apache name was Goyaaale, was a famous leader of the Chiricahua Apaches.

The Apache tribe is a group of Native Americans who lived on the Great Plains and in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. They are related to tribes in Canada and Alaska, as well as the Navajos of the Southwest.

The Apaches traveled from place to place in groups, hunting buffalo and other animals. They were among the first Native Americans to ride horses. The Apaches lived in tents, called tipis, or round houses made from branches, called wickiups. The tribe was known for being good traders and fierce warriors.

Today, there are about 56,000 Apaches. Many live on reservations in New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma.



An Apache man and his wife.

Major Groups of Apaches

The Apaches were organized in many groups. Here are the major groups and the areas they lived in during the 1700s.



Apache tribe members in front of a wickiup in 1873.

Mescalero	New Mexico and Texas
Jicarilla	New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas
Chiricahua	New Mexico and Arizona
Western Apache	New Mexico and Arizona
Lipan	Texas
Plains	Oklahoma



Word Search

Circle each of the words on the list in the puzzle. Words can go across, up, down, backwards or diagonally.

WORD LIST

MESCALERO	H R N P A W A N M Q S S
APACHE	U L E F U I A Y R N X B
WICKIUP	N T K D H R A R I M U Z
TIPI	T L I P A N E A R F E O
LIPAN	I E P P C R L Q F I R H
CHIRICAHUA	N Y G U I P T A M E O O
WARRIOR	G S U C R A L S L I Y R
TRADER	J E G F I O C A S A A P
HORSES	O S P Z H R C W Q M Y C
HUNTING	Y R V E C S S K N U X V
BUFFALO	L O A P E W I C K I U P
PLAINS	W H K M E H C A P A E L

Q&A

Where did the Mescalero Apaches live in the 1700s?

What is a wickiup?

What did the Apaches hunt?

Who was Geronimo?