



Native American Tribes: Hopi



Ancient Hopi pueblo

The Hopi tribe is a Native American tribe in Arizona. The word Hopi means “peaceable” or “behaving one” in their language.

They originally lived in complex houses made of mud bricks called pueblos. These houses were stacked on top of each other to form large villages.

The first European contact with the Hopi was in 1540 when the Spanish explorer, Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, visited them. Arizona became part of the U.S. in 1848 and the tribe established relations with the government of the U.S.

The Hopi are farmers, unlike their neighbors, the Navajo, who raise sheep. Through history, the two tribes have had several conflicts.

The tribe also has a strong tradition of art. The Hopi artists make beautiful pottery and silver jewelry.

The Hopi value the natural world and encourage respect for all things. Their ceremonies include the Kachina, which represent parts of nature. Colorful Kachina dolls are given to children to teach them about Hopi traditions.

Today many Hopi live on a reservation in Arizona. There are about 7,000 Hopi tribal members.



Kachina dolls



Hopi women making pottery

Secret Code Word

Use the secret code to find a word about the Hopi. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

16 21 5 2 12 15

Secret code

1 = A	7 = G	13 = M	19 = S	25 = Y
2 = B	8 = H	14 = N	20 = T	26 = Z
3 = C	9 = I	15 = O	21 = U	
4 = D	10 = J	16 = P	22 = V	
5 = E	11 = K	17 = Q	23 = W	
6 = F	12 = L	18 = R	24 = X	

Quick Quiz

In what state do most Hopi live?

What do Hopi artists make?

What year did the Spanish first make contact with the Hopi?

Why do the Hopi give Kachina dolls to children?
