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<p><b>Early History of the Southwestern Indians</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the two basic <u>theories</u> for the origin of native cultures in the <u>western hemisphere</u>?</li><li>• Why were the so-called <u>Meso-American</u> cultures important to the history of the Southwest?</li></ul>	
<p><b>Hunting and Gathering as a Way of Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In general, how do <u>hunters and gatherers</u> use the resources where they live?</li><li>• Why do these people move with the change of <u>seasons</u>? Why is that important?</li></ul>	
<p><b>Paleoindians and Archaic Peoples of the Southwest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When did the earliest Indians begin to live on the <u>Colorado Plateau</u>?</li><li>• Why did these people not live in <u>villages</u>?</li></ul>	

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<p><b>The Earliest People of the Southwest</b> (scroll to section on “The Desert Culture”)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The term <u>Archaic</u> means "belonging to an earlier time or ancient."</li><li>• When did <u>agriculture</u> begin in the Southwest? How did farming change the way these people lived?</li><li>• How do the <u>tools</u> of hunters and gatherers differ from those of farmers?</li></ul>	
<p><b>Archaic Tools, Making Stone Points, and The Atlatl</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Paleo-Indians</u> refers to the earliest peoples in North America.</li><li>• What were the major tools of these Indians? How were they made? What were they used for?</li></ul>	
<p><b>Prehistoric Peoples of the Southwest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When did the farming begin in the U.S. Southwest?</li><li>• Why did the <u>cultivation</u> of corn, beans, and squash lead to a more <u>sedentary</u> life style for these people?</li></ul>	