

Student Essay on A Brief History of the Mojave Indians

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The Mojave, a Native American tribe, is a part of the Southwest Indian tribes. They call themselves the Aha Macave nation. The Mojave were referred to early historians as the Amojave or Jamajabs. Some people believe that the name Mojave means "three mountains." The name Mojave is also thought to mean People Who Live on the River. They speak the Yuman language along with other Indian tribes near the southwestern region.

The Mojave lived in Arizona, Nevada, and California near the Colorado River in the past. Presently, they still live near the Colorado River; but now they only live on a fraction of their old property. The Mojave tribe lived as far as from the Grand Canyon to Parker, Arizona. They heavily populated the great Mohave Valley.

The Mojave also divided governmental functions. There was almost always a hereditary chief in male line. There was also a manager for entertainment, a war leader, and the tribe shamans. Mostly the men had the most control over land, governmental functions, and leading the wars. The Mojave did not let many of the women have any power.

The Mohave created great buildings compared to many other tribes in the southwestern region. They had a house for winter and a house for summer. Whenever it was summer, they would burn the winter house. In the winter, they would burn the summer house. It was in a rectangular shape with a slightly sloping roof. They used massive logs to build the frame and arrow reed to build the roof. Right on top of the roof was a layer of mud so the roof wouldn't be that weak.

The Mojave's ways of life were mostly just hunting and fishing in the river. The Mojave Indians grew many types of crop. They grew corn, beans, pumpkins, melons, and cantaloupes in soft mud left from the Colorado River. The reason that the Mojave had such great agriculture was the Colorado River. Since they live so near the river, they depend greatly on the overflowing of the river to irrigate the crops.