North America’s Native Civilizations

Comparing Puebloans & Mississippians
Comparing Puebloans & Mississippian Cultures

**Continental Location**

**Puebloans**

**Mississippian Cultures**
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### General Characteristics

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Sedentary Agriculture

Puebloans

- Maize/Squash
- Grown together
- Canyon Valleys or Plateaus

Mississippians

- Maize/Squash
- Grown together
- River Valleys
Comparing Puebloans & Mississippian Pottery, Baskets, and Art

Puebloans

Mississippian
Comparing Puebloans & Mississippian Pottery and Art

Puebloans

Mississippian
Comparing Puebloans & Mississippian Trade Networks

**Puebloans**
- Chaco Road System
- At least 8 main trade routes
- 30 feet wide roadways
- Covered over 180 miles
- Linked Chaco to other Pueblos

**Mississippian**
- Mississippi River System
- Linked to at least 8 key Rivers
- Covered thousands of miles
- Linked each Tribal Center
- Connected to Pueblo Trade
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Puebloans
- Chaco Canyon (New Mexico)

Mississippian
- Cahokia (Illinois)
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Architecture

**Puebloans**
- Mesa Verde (Colorado)

**Mississippians**
- Giant Serpent Mound (Ohio)
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Architecture

**Puebloans**

- Taos Pueblo (New Mexico)

**Mississippians**

- Moundville (Alabama)
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Puebloans

Nambe (N.M.)
Ceremonial Kiva

Mississippian

Ocmulgee (Georgia)
Ceremonial Earthmound
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Astronomy

Puebloans

- Sun Dagger (Chaco, NM)

Mississippians

- Woodhenge (Cahokia, IL)
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No Writing?

Puebloan Petroglyphs

Mississippian Tablets

- Newspaper Rock (Petrified Forest, AZ)
- Peet Tablet (Cahokia, IL)
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Initial European Contact

**Puebloans**

Francisco Vasquez de Coronado
Governor of New Galacia (1537)
Led Expedition (1540 – 1542)
400 Spaniards, 4 Franciscan Monks, 1500 Native Allies, & Several Slaves

**Mississippians**

Hernando De Soto
Governor of Cuba (1537)
Led Expedition (1539 – 1542)
600 Spaniards, Franciscan Monks, 220 Horse, & 10 Spanish Galleons
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PROPOSED ROUTE OF THE DE SOTO EXPEDITION

Based on the Charles Hodge Map of 1937

- Indian pueblo
- Spanish settlement
- Route of main expedition
- Route of secondary expedition

Map showing the routes of exploration by de Soto in the 16th century.
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Expedition Results

Puebloans

Francisco Vasquez de Coronado
Explored AZ, NM, TX, OK, & KS
Made contact with Zuni, Hopi, and Pueblo Tribes
Failed to find 7 Cities of Cibola

Mississippians

Hernando De Soto
Explored FL, GA, SC, TN, AL, MS, & TX
Made contact with Seminole, Creek, Cherokee, Appalachian, and Choctaw
Died of fever along Mississippi in 1542