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Please define these terms in your own words.

Vocabulary Words of the Southwest

1. adobe-----

2. butte-----

3. canyon-----

4. economy-----

5. erode-----

6. fossil-----

7. Great Divide-----

8. landform-----

9. landlocked-----

10. mesa-----

11. peak-----

12. plateau-----

13. powwow-----

14. rodeo-----

15. vaquero-----

Vocabulary Words of the Southwest Answer Key

1. **adobe** ----- a special clay used for building
2. **butte** ----- a landform with steep sides and a flat top; smaller than a mesa
3. **canyon** ----- a deep valley with steep, rocky walls.
4. **economy** ----- how a community or country manages its resources
5. **erode** ----- to wear away
6. **fossil** ----- the trace of a plant or animal that lived before the present geologic age
7. **Great Divide** ----- a boundary that runs along the crest of the Rocky Mountains that separates the rivers that flow to the Atlantic Ocean from the rivers that flow to the Pacific.
8. **landform** ----- a feature of Earth's surface like a mountain, valley, or plateau
9. **landlocked** ----- a region, such as a country or state, that is entirely surrounded by land.
10. **mesa** ----- a landform with a flat top and steep sides. The word mesa comes from the Spanish word for table
11. **peak** ----- the highest point of a mountain.
12. **plateau** ----- a high, flat landform that rises steeply above the surrounding land.
13. **powwow** ----- a Native American gathering of people to have fun and to preserve the culture
14. **rodeo** ----- a show and contest of skills performed by cowboys and cowgirls
15. **vaquero** ----- Spanish for cowboys