

Vocabulary Squares

Name _____

Vocabulary Word	Definition	Picture
plateau		
mountain		
desert		
landform		
javelina		
saguaro		

What Do You See?

Name _____

Landforms

Plants

Animals

Region Fact Sheet

Arizona is a wonderful state. The three regions are full of many different landforms, animals, plants, and people.

Plateau Region

A plateau is tall, elevated, flat land. It looks like a table. There are many separate plateaus in this region that are separated by hills and canyons. The plateau region of Arizona starts in the northern part of the state and goes south to the Mogollon Rim. The cities of Flagstaff and Holbrook are in this region.

Some of the landmarks in this region are the Grand Canyon, Meteor Crater, and Humphrey's Peak. The Navajo and Hopi reservations are also in this region.

The plateau region has coyotes, javelina, and deer. There are sagebrush and other high desert-type plants. There are also Ponderosa pines in the highest parts of this area as well. They grow in elevations ranging from 5,500 feet to 8,500 feet.

This region gets rain and snow. The winters are cold, and the summers are warm.



Mountain Region



The mountain region in Arizona winds across the state from corner to corner. Most of the mountains are 4,000 to 6,000 feet high. One of the highest peaks in the region is Mount Graham near Safford, Arizona, which is 10,713 feet tall.

We get much of our water from the mountain region.

Rainfall and snow melt create the water. The water is then stored in reservoirs. The reservoirs provide water for industries, recreation (boating and fishing), farming, and human consumption.

The mountains also provide mineral resources like gold, silver, and copper. There are still some copper mines in this region. There are many cattle ranches in the mountain region.

The wild animals in this region include sheep, mule deer, black bear, and bison. There are also Ponderosa pines and a variety of wildflowers in the area. The sides of the mountains are especially beautiful in the spring when these flowers are in bloom.

This region gets rain and snow. The winters are cold, and the summers are cool with afternoon showers in August.

Desert Region

The desert region is in the southwestern part of Arizona. This region is named the Sonoran Desert, and this desert goes all the way into Mexico. In the desert, there are many flat valleys bordered by mountains. Some of the valleys in this region are fertile and are used for farming.

There is very little rainfall in this region. The summer is hot for long periods of time (May to October). Most of Arizona's people live in this part of the state in cities such as Phoenix and its suburbs, Tucson, and Yuma.

The state tree, the Palo Verde, is found in the desert region. There are also many cacti in this area. One of the biggest cacti is the saguaro, looking like a giant guarding the desert. There are many wild animals in this region. Some of them are jackrabbits, coyotes, javelina, and various types of reptiles.



The variety of regions, animals, and plants in Arizona is remarkable. Try to see as much of it as you can!

Photos:

Plateau: <https://www.nps.gov>

Mountain: <https://www.tripadvisor.com>

Desert: <https://en.wikipedia.org>

Story Map

Title

Author

Setting /include facts about your region

Characters/animal or plant in your region

Problem/could take place in your region

Event 1

Event 2

Event 3

Resolution

Region Story Rubric

Use the rubric to help you write a story about one of Arizona's regions.

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- ❑ Your story includes plants or animals from the region and five facts from the region information sheet.
- ❑ Your story has voice to make it interesting.
- ❑ You have checked your grammar and spelling and corrected your errors.
- ❑ You have drawn a very nice picture that goes with your story.

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- ❑ Your story includes plants or animals from the region and three facts from the region information sheet.
- ❑ You have used voice to make your story somewhat interesting.
- ❑ You have checked your spelling and corrected some of the errors.
- ❑ You have drawn a picture.

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- ❑ Your story includes a plant or animal and one fact from the region information sheet.
- ❑ Your story does not have voice or much feeling.
- ❑ You have not checked spelling.
- ❑ You have not drawn a picture.

Story Board

Name _____

