



Tonto Teasers

(Follow-up Questions from your Class Visit)

- What do we call the people who lived at Tonto National Monument?
 - Navajo
 - Salado
 - O'odham
- What does their name mean in Spanish?
 - Salty
 - Old
 - Water
- When were the Salado here?
 - AD 750 – 900
 - AD 1150-1450
 - AD 100 - 500
- Name three crops the Salado farmed:
 - Iron and saba fiber
 - Wood and mud
 - Stone and grass
- Name three things the Salado used Yucca for:
- The Salado were a tall people.
 - True
 - False
- The Salado lived to be very old.
 - True
 - False
- Approximately how many people lived in the Lower Cliff Dwelling?
 - 100 – 150
 - 40 – 60
 - 20 - 25
- Approximately how many rooms does the Lower Cliff Dwelling have?
 - 30
 - 40
 - 20
- There are no other cliff dwellings at Tonto National Monument.
 - True
 - False
- Much of the Salado's time was spent on the roofs of the dwelling.
 - True
 - False
- The roofs of the dwellings were built from:
 - Iron and saba fiber
 - Wood and mud
 - Stone and grass
- How many rooms does the Upper Cliff Dwelling have?
 - 20
 - 40
 - 60
- Tonto was made a National Monument in:
 - 1907
 - 1915
 - 1930
- Name five animals that live at Tonto National Monument:
- Gila monsters live at Tonto National Monument.
 - True

- b. False
17. There are no rattlesnakes at Tonto National Monument.
- a. True
b. False
18. The fruits of the Prickly Pear Cactus are called:
- a. Berries
b. Tunas
c. Apples
19. You can eat the pads of the Prickly Pear as well as the fruit.
- a. True
b. False
20. Name three things that can be made from the Jojoba.
21. A type of Cholla Cactus has a cute nickname. What is it?
- a. Jackrabbit
b. Teddy Bear
c. Bunny
22. How old do Saguaro Cactus have to be before they get their first arm?
- a. 25 – 30 years old
b. 45 – 50 years old
c. 70 – 75 years old
23. The trees with the green bark are called:
- a. Mesquite
b. Palo Verde
c. Catclaw
24. Ground up mesquite pods are made into:
- a. Paint
b. Soap
c. Bread
25. Is the Ocotillo a cactus?
- a. Yes
- b. No
26. Which cactus blooms first every year?
- a. Hedgehog
b. Ocotillo
c. Saguaro
27. Barrel Cactus contain lots of drinking water.
- a. True
b. False
28. The lake you see from Tonto National Monument is:
- a. Saguaro Lake
b. Roosevelt Lake
c. Canyon Lake
29. The Salado were the only Indians to live in this area.
- a. True
b. False
30. The Salado dug out the caves to live in.
- a. True
b. False
31. What does the word “Tonto” mean?
- a. Green
b. Foolish
c. House

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