

# Outreach Education

Colorado National Monument

National Park Service  
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Colorado History: Pre-Field Trip Activity  
(4th Grade Utes to Cowboy Boots)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Fremont Indians lived in this region from 400 A.D. until around 1250 A.D. Fremonts farmed corn and other crops, hunted animals, and gathered plants. They were a sedentary culture, meaning they lived in one place throughout the year. In the Monument, **archaeologists** found their corn cobs, small dams for collecting water, and **petroglyphs**.

The last group of Native Americans that lived in this area were the Ute Indians. The Utes traveled throughout the Grand Valley to hunt a variety of animals and gather plants, spending each season in a different zone. In 1881, Utes were forced to move to a **reservation** in Utah so that pioneers could live in the Grand Valley.

The pioneers that moved into this area were farmers and ranchers, and built the towns of Grand Junction and Fruita. These early settlers are the ancestors of many people living here today.



Fremont Petroglyph

## Vocabulary

**Archaeologist** - A scientist who studies objects by ancient cultures to learn more about them

**Petroglyph** - An ancient drawing made by pecking the surface of a rock with another rock

**Reservation** - An area of land controlled by a Native American tribe

## Grand Valley Timeline

**Write the names** of the cultures from the reading above in the boxes on the timeline in the correct order. (*Pioneers has been done for you.*) Then **choose 2 cultures and compare** their lifestyles on the lines below. **How did members of each culture get their food? Did they move around or stay in one place all year? When did they live in the Grand Valley?** (Use the back of the page if you need more room.)



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Answers will vary:

Hunter-Gatherers, moved around: Paleo, Archaic, Utes

Mostly Farmers, stayed in one place: Fremonts, Pioneers

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History: Post-Field Trip Activity (4th grade, Utes to Cowboy Boots)

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**Ute Place Names** - Even though Ute Indians do not live in this area anymore, several place names throughout the region remind us of their history in this area. **Unscramble** the Ute names below.

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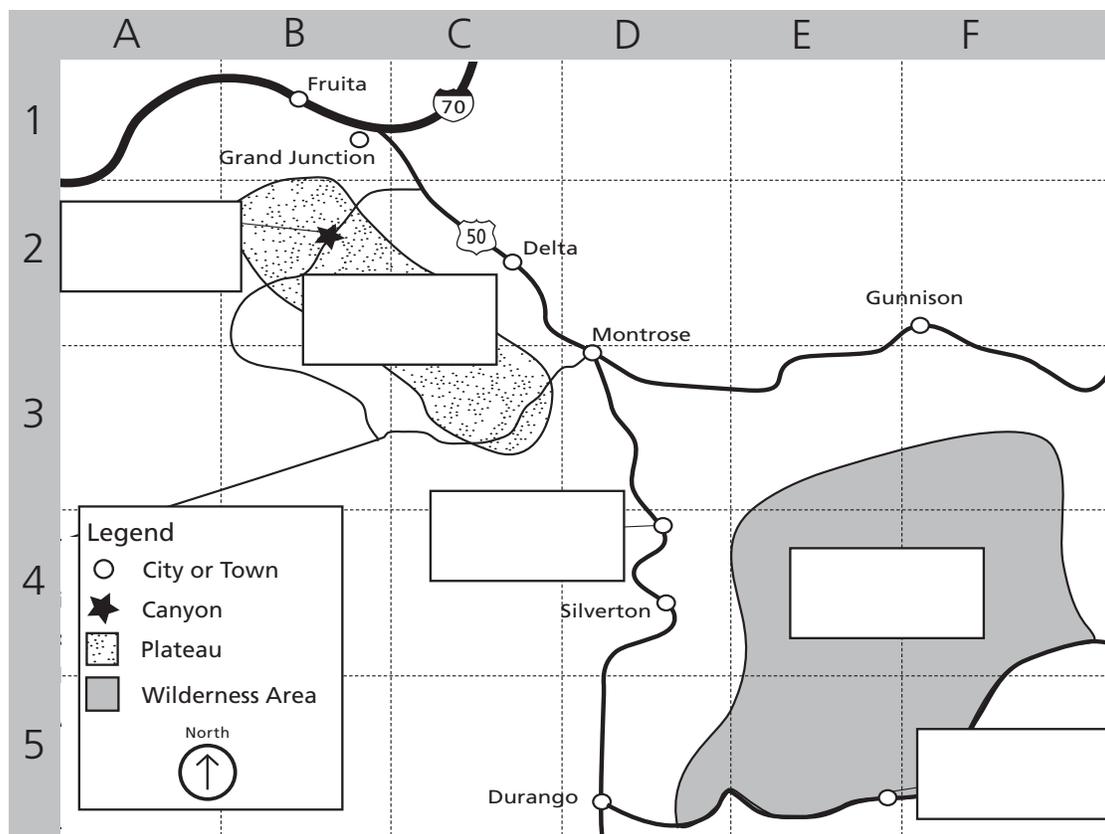
### Word Bank

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Pagosa  
Weminuche  
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Ouray (you - ray)  
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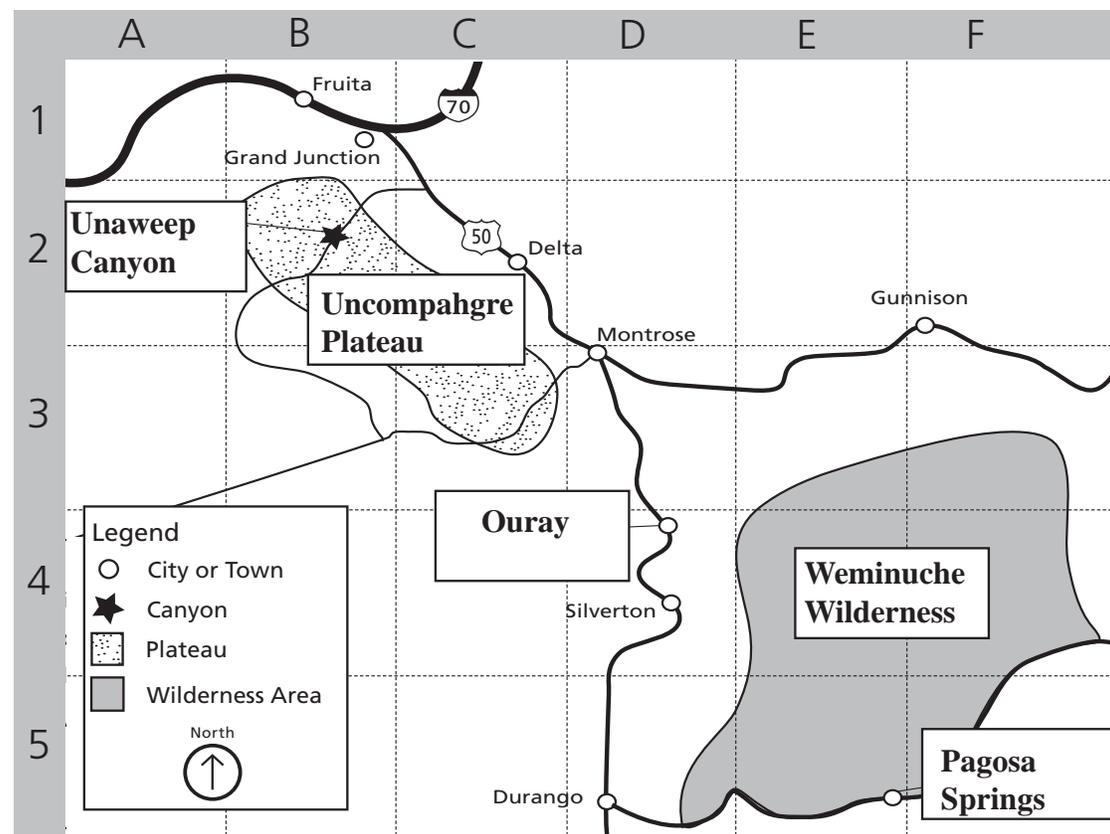
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