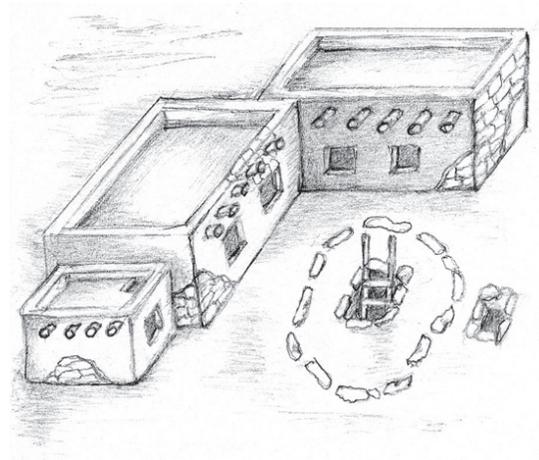
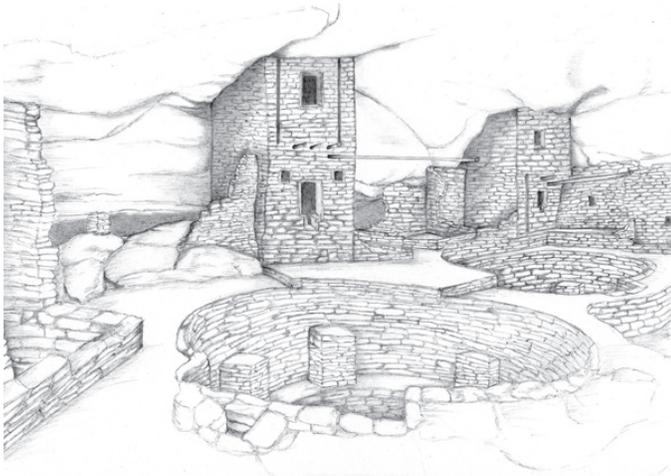




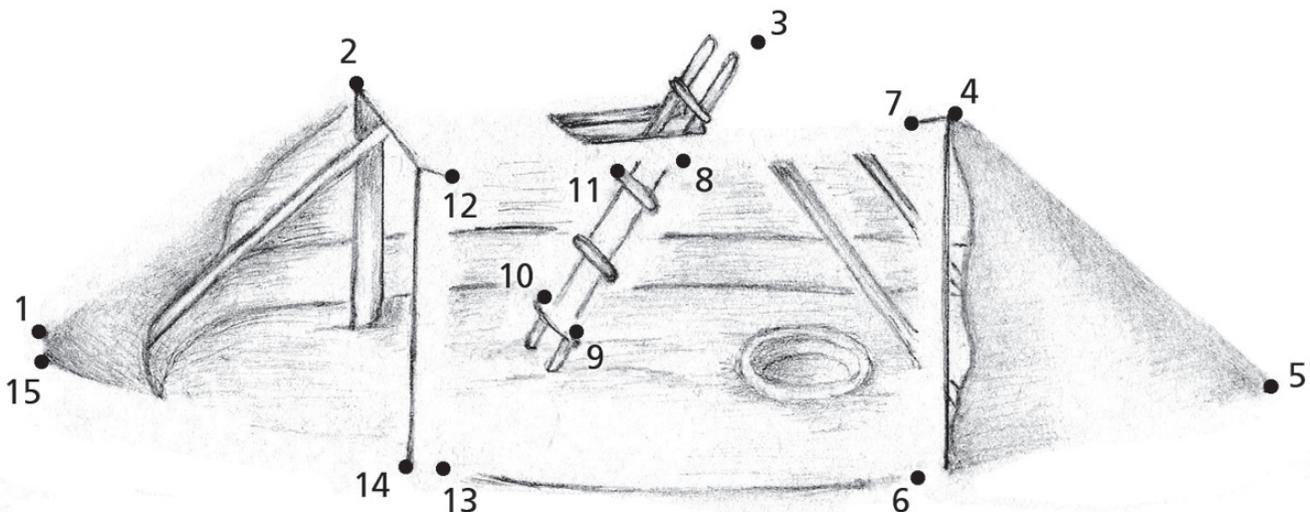
Home Sweet Home From Pithouse to Pueblo to Cliff Dwelling



Mesa Verde National Park is known for its famous cliff dwellings that were home to the Ancestral Puebloan people over 700 years ago. Some of the more popular are [Cliff Palace](#), [Spruce Tree House](#), and [Balcony House](#). The Ancestral Puebloans lived in these and other cliff dwellings from A.D. 1200 to A.D. 1300, during their last 100 years at Mesa Verde.

But the Ancestral Puebloans did not always live in the cliff dwellings. In fact, for the first 600 years they lived on the mesa top in different styles of homes. From A.D. 750 to A.D. 1200, they were living in communities called pueblos. A few of these, like [Far View Sites](#), were home to hundreds of people. In fact, even after many moved into the cliff dwellings, some people continued to live in mesa top pueblos.

Connect the dots to see the first type of Mesa Verde home.



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