

# American West Mystery Riddles

**PART 2** – Pick an artifact from PART 1 to write your American West mystery riddle about. Think of some clues that will help someone guess what artifact your mystery riddle is about by answering the questions in the chart. Write your clues on a piece of paper or in the space below.

CLUE QUESTIONS	CLUE EXAMPLES	YOUR CLUES
Which artifact did you pick to write your American West mystery riddle about?	Blanket Cuffs Drum Scale Stagecoach	
What are some describing words you could use to describe the artifact you picked?	Dark brown Large Shiny Small Soft Warm Other words (age/ color/shape/size)	
What materials is the artifact you picked made of?	Animal skin Brass and bronze Dyes Iron Leather Metal Paint Wood Wool	
Who made and/or used the artifact you picked?	Cowboys/cowgirls Diné Gold miners Native Americans Navajo Pueblo Indians Travelers Other	
What does the artifact you picked do?	Carry(ies) mail Carry(ies) people Make(s) music Protect(s) arms Provide(s) warmth Weigh(s) things Other	

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**PART 4** – Pick which format you want to use to write your American West mystery riddle. This page includes Format #1. Format #2 is on the next page. Then write your American West mystery riddle on a piece of paper or in the space provided. Draw a picture of your artifact below it. Include the name of the artifact too. Fold the paper in half so the person solving your riddle can't see the answer or your drawing. Then ask someone to read and solve your American West mystery riddle. After they give you their answer, show them your picture and its name.

## My American West Mystery Riddle – Format #1

What is (add describing words) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

made of (add materials) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

used by/made by (add name(s) of people) \_\_\_\_\_

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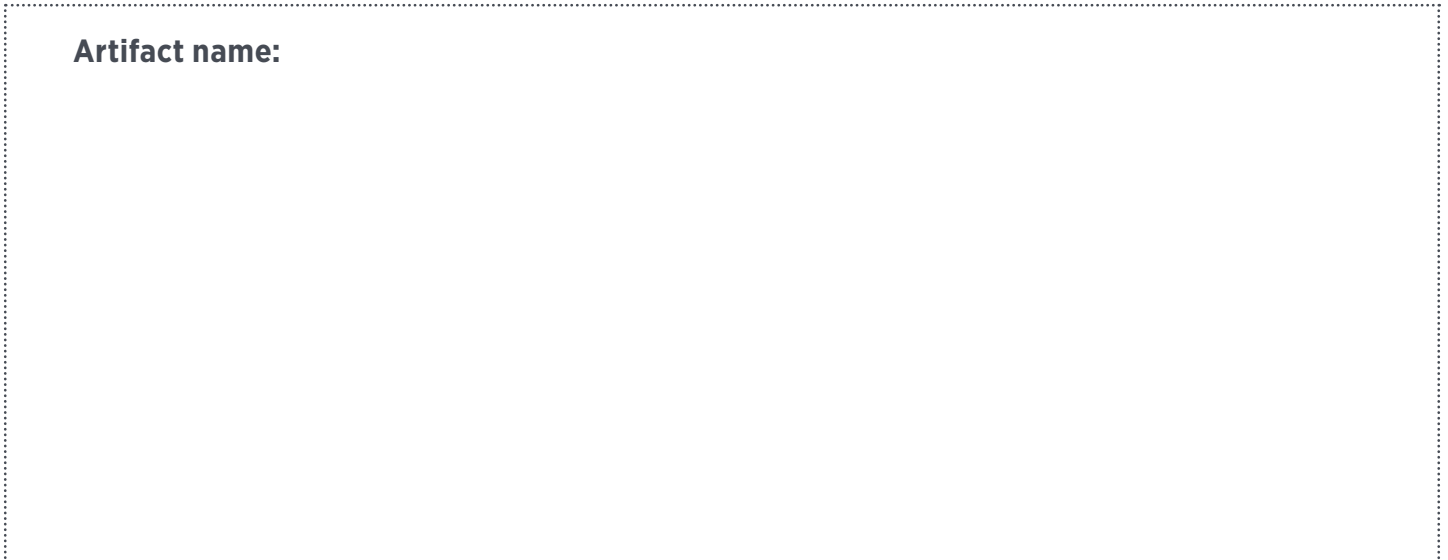
and (add what the artifact does) \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOLD ON THE DOTTED LINE TO HIDE YOUR ANSWER**

Draw a picture of and write the name of the artifact on a piece of paper or in the space below.

**Artifact name:**



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**PART 5** – Pick which format you want to use to write your American West mystery riddle. This page includes Format #2. Format #1 is on the previous page. Then write your American West mystery riddle on a piece of paper or in the space provided. Draw a picture of your artifact below it. Include the name of the artifact too. Fold the paper in half so the person solving your riddle can't see the answer or your drawing. Then ask someone to read and solve your American West mystery riddle. After they give you their answer, show them your picture and its name.

## My American West Mystery Riddle – Format #2

I am (add describing words) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

made of (add materials) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

used by/made by (add name(s) of people) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

and (add what the artifact does) \_\_\_\_\_

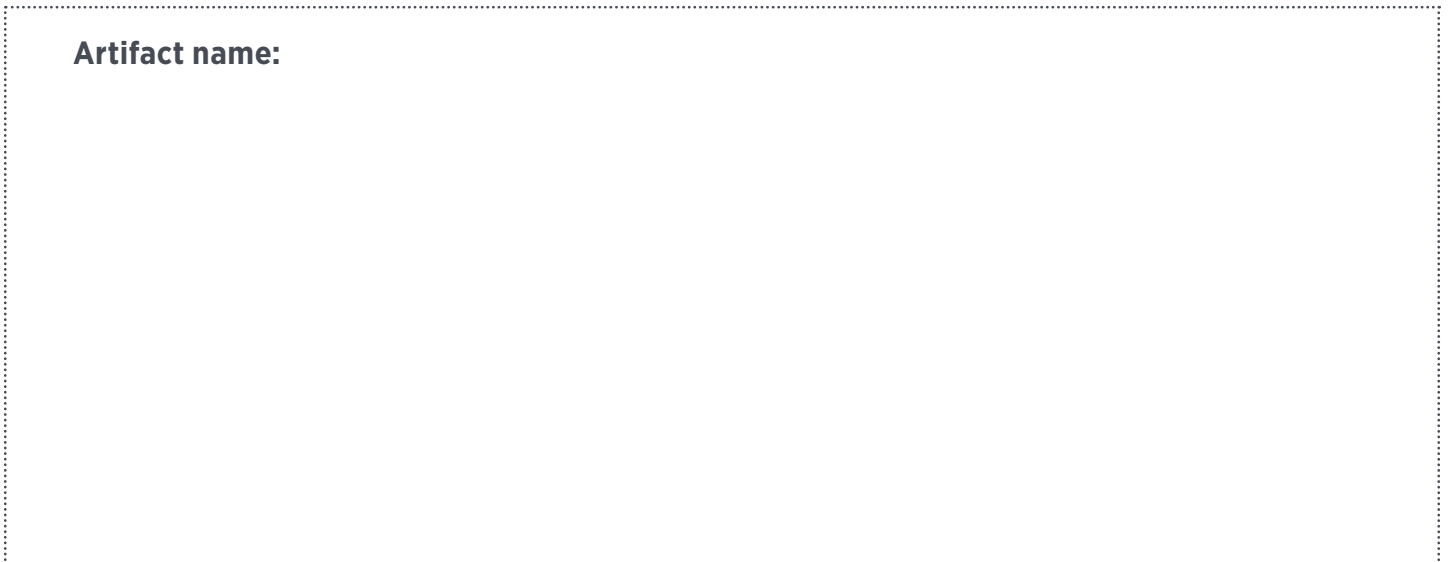
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What am I?

**FOLD ON THE DOTTED LINE TO HIDE YOUR ANSWER**

Draw a picture of and write the name of the artifact on a piece of paper or in the space below.

**Artifact name:**



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