

Tongva Program Pre-Visit Activity

INTRODUCTION - The Autry Museum of the American West is located on Tongva lands called Tovangaar. The Tongva, also known as the Gabrieliño, are the first peoples of Los Angeles. For thousands of years, the Tongva have been living in different environments in the Los Angeles area. Environments are the surroundings or conditions in which people, plants, and animals live. In this lesson, you will explore three of the environments that have been important to the Tongva's **culture** for a long time.

PART 1 - Look closely at this photograph of an environment.



What do you see in this photograph of an environment? Describe what you see in the space below or on a separate document.

I see _____

What is the name of the environment in the photograph above? Is it the **coastal environment**, **grassland environment**, or **woodland environment**? Write your answer in the space below or on a separate document.

The name of the environment in the photograph is the _____

Glossary

Coastal environment: an area of land next to the ocean

Culture: a way of life for a group of people including their beliefs, customs, and traditions

Grassland environment: an area of land that is covered with grass or grass-like plants

Woodland environment: an area of land covered with trees

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PART 2 - Look closely at this photograph of an environment.



What do you see in this photograph of an environment? Describe what you see in the space below or on a separate document.

I see _____

What is the name of the environment in the photograph above? Is it the coastal environment, grassland environment, or woodland environment? Write your answer in the space below or on a separate document.

The name of the environment in the photograph is the _____

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PART 3 - Look closely at one more photograph of an environment.



What do you see in this photograph of an environment? Describe what you see in the space below or on a separate document.

I see _____

What is the name of the environment in the photograph above? Is it the coastal environment, grassland environment, or woodland environment? Write your answer in the space below or on a separate document.

The name of the environment in the photograph is the _____

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PART 4 - You will learn even more about the coastal environment, grassland environment, and woodland environment during the *Tongva: The First Peoples of Los Angeles* program. Before you participate in the program, think about what the environment you live in looks like.

Draw a picture of your indoor environment, outdoor environment, or both environments in the space below or on a separate document. Your indoor environment can include the inside of your home. Your outdoor environment can include the area outside of your home. Please save your picture so that you can add even more to it after you participate in the program.

My Environment

Resources

Beach, photo by Sarah Wilson, 2020

Grassland, photo by Meghan Selway, 2016

Oak Grove, photo by Sarah Wilson, 2020

“Environment.” *Oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com Dictionary*, Oxford Learners Dictionaries,
<https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/english/environment?q=environment>. Accessed 9 Sep. 2021.