# Farming in West Texas

**Name of Lesson: Prehistoric Agriculture in West Texas**

**Grade/Subject:** 7th Grade Texas History: 8th Grade US History  
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| Objectives/Learning Outcomes: | Grouping:  
| Content = 7th Grade Texas History  
| TEKS: 7.2A 7.9A, 7.9B 7.9C  
| Time needed 1 ½ hours to 2 hours  
| Key Vocabulary:  
| Nomadic  
| Arid  
| Mountains and Basins  
| Trans-Pecos  
| Prehistoric  
| Indigenous  
| Migration  
| Drought  
| HOTS or Essential Question:  
| How did the Pueblo people farm in the arid environment of West Texas?  
| Links to experience:  
| https://sites.google.com/gcis.d.net/prehistoric-pueblo-agriculture/home  

| Scaffolding:  
| □ modeling  
| ✔ guided  
| □ Independent  

| Delivery/Mode:  
| ✔ Project  
| □ Centers  
| □ simulations  
| □ Visuals  
| □ Mini-lessons  

**Processes:**  
- partners  
- independent  
- Reading  
- Writing  
- Listening  
- Speaking
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| 5-10 min | Engage/Starter/Build Background:/<br>  
  Show this video (2:53 min) to whole class to introduce the modern West Texas natural environment.<br>  
  Ask the class “What would you need to live in this environment?”<br>  
  - look for modern technology that would make living in an arid environment possible<br>  
  Follow up with, “Would it be possible for prehistoric people, without the comforts of modern technology, to live in this environment?” |                                                 |
|          | Present New Material:/  
  Direct students to website. | [https://sites.google.com/gcisd.net/prehistoric-pueblo-agriculture/home](https://sites.google.com/gcisd.net/prehistoric-pueblo-agriculture/home) |
| 30-45 mins | Guided Practice:/  
  Individually or in small groups or partners, students will work through the website using the inquiry method to answer questions and make assumptions based on evidence presented. |                                                 |
| 30-45 Mins | **Independent Practice with Feedback**  
Students will design a “How to” book on how to live like a Pueblo farmer in West Texas. |

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

You are going to make a "How To" book on how to live like a Pueblo farmer in West Texas in prehistoric times.  

Your "How To" book must include the following

- Explain the natural environment the farmer will be living in and farming in.
- Explain which crops to grow and the best techniques on how to grow them.
- Explain other sources of nutrition that are available in West Texas
- Explain the best way to construct a home or shelter
- Finally briefly explain the ancestors of the Pueblo people and how some ended up in Texas

Remember this book is based on prehistoric techniques and history, no modern technology can be used!

| **Reteach/Review/Extend:** |

**Reteach:** Students who failed to meet expectations should be guided to part of website that contains missing information

**Extend:** Students could compare the farming techniques of the Pueblo People to the farming techniques used by the Caddo of East Texas, who lived in a very different environment including much more annual rainfall and thick forests.
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