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Southwestern United States: The Mighty Four 817

The Six-Minute Solution, Sopris West

The southwestern region of the United States has four states. They are Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, **(and)** Texas. While small in number, the **(region)** is very large. For example, Texas **(is)** the largest state in the continental **(United)** States. The Southwest is a region **(with)** many mountains, deserts, and open land. **(Native)** Americans settled there thousands of years **(ago)**. When the Spanish arrived in 1500, they **(found)** established Indian villages. These Native Americans **(were)** living in apartment-like buildings called pueblos.

(Oklahoma) was the first southwest state to **(become)** part of the United States. Texas **(joined)** the union in 1945. New Mexico and **(Arizona)** were obtained as a result of **(the)** Mexican War in 1948. Today, many Native **(Americans)** live in the Southwest. More live **(in)** Oklahoma than in any other state **(in)** the United States. Arizona also has **(a)** large Native American population.

Today, the **(Southwest)** is the biggest producer of oil **(in)** the nation. Texas produces the most **(oil)**. Oklahoma and New Mexico are also **(big)** producers of oil. The southwestern states **(also)** support many large cattle ranches. Cowpokes **(work)** on these ranches and herd cattle **(by)** horseback. Arizona is home to America' **(s)** most famous national feature, the Grand **(Canyon)**. This enormous canyon was created by **(a)** gorge of the Colorado River. The **(Grand)** Canyon stretches 227 miles across the northwest **(part)** of Arizona. People come from all **(over)** the world to see the beautiful **(layers)** of colored rock. Other natural landmarks **(found)** in Arizona are the Painted Desert **(and)** the Petrified Forest.



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(Oklahoma, Producer, There) was the first southwest state to **(has, become, natural)** part of the United States. Texas **(herd, joined, people)** the union in 1945. New Mexico and **(Arizona, big, see)** were obtained as a result of **(the, four, canyon)** Mexican War in 1948. Today, many Native **(Americans, found, population)** live in the Southwest. More live **(in, live, southwest)** Oklahoma than in any other state **(producers, become, in)** the United States. Arizona also has **(a, support, across)** large Native American population.

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