

Arizona – The Next Frontier (B2)

A - Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Do you ever watch cowboy films?
2. Which American states do you associate with cowboys?
3. Have you ever heard of the town of Tombstone and its famous lawman Wyatt Earp?
4. What do you know about the history of Arizona?

B – Listen and answer

Read these statements. Then listen to the introductory article (without reading) and complete them.

1. Arizona has been inhabited by Native Americans for over _____ years.
2. It was once part of _____, which became a province of New Spain in 1804.
3. Following the _____, the province became Mexican territory.
4. After the Mexican-American War, from _____ to _____, Arizona became part of the US.
5. In 1912, it became the _____ US state.
6. Today, Native American reservations make up _____ per cent of the state.

C – Read and answer

Read the introductory article and answer the questions.

1. Who were the first Europeans to encounter the Native Americans living in Arizona?
2. What other states belonged wholly or partly to Alta California besides Arizona?
3. For how long was Mexico part of New Spain?
4. In what year did Alta California become a Mexican Territory?
5. Where is the village of Oraibi situated?
6. Why is it special?

D – Listen to the interview (Optional)

N.B. This interview is graded as C1, so don't be discouraged if you find it difficult. Try to understand the main points.

Read these statements. Then listen to the interview with Jaynie Adams, without reading, and write T (true) or F (false).

1. Jaynie Adams insists on telling students that studying history requires a lot of memorising.
2. Her ancestors were members of a Native American people, the Hohokam.
3. The Hohokam were good at building irrigation systems.
4. Archeologists found a structure named a Casa Grande, of which they don't know the purpose.
5. When Mexico ceded Arizona to the United States, New Mexico was part of Arizona.
6. During the Civil War, the Confederate States split Arizona and New Mexico vertically.
7. After the 1860s, the population of Arizona exploded with the arrival of large numbers of farmers.
8. These migrations caused conflict with the Apache people and their chief Geronimo.
9. Jaynie Adams says the American West, as shown in films of the 50s and 60s, never existed.
10. According to some experts, Wyatt Earp was really a fraud.

E – Listen, read and check your answers

Listen to the interview while reading the text. (If you did Exercise D, check your answers while reading.)

F – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense or change from plural to singular.)

1. Until 1923, Istanbul, _____ called Constantinople, was the capital of Turkey.
2. The main summer _____ grown in this area is strawberries.
3. Everyone knows this product is rubbish. It has _____ negative online reviews.
4. We managed to finish the project _____ having very little time to work on it.
5. The café didn't have many customers at first, but now it has really _____.
6. It's time the government _____ a law banning astrologers and mediums from advertising.

G – Ready for the FIRST Certificate in English? (Reading and Use of English, Part 4)

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between 2 and 5 words including the word given.

Example: North American history didn't just begin in the 16th century.

LONG North American history began long before the 16th century.

1. The fictional history of Arizona isn't half as interesting as its real history.

LOT Arizona's real history is _____ its fictional history.

2. Adams says she finds it difficult to memorise things.

GOOD Adams says, "I _____ things."

3. People began to live here at least ten thousand years ago.

LIVING People _____ ten thousand years, at least.

4. Arizona's fate was changed by the Civil War, as was its shape.

BOTH The Civil War _____ Arizona's shape.

5. With the railroad, you can move troops, as well as goods and people.

ONLY Not _____ and people, but also troops.

6. Those other stories are no less important to understanding the present situation.

JUST Those other stories are _____ to understanding the present situation.

H – Write about it

Write about a region of your country with an interesting history. Include information about:

- its location;
- its first inhabitants;
- who ruled it;
- what there is to see there;
- what else it's famous for.

Answers

B – Listen and answer

1. ten thousand 2. Alta California 3. Mexican War of Independence 4. 1846 – 1848 5. 48th
6. 25

C – Read and answer

1. They were the members of a Spanish expedition led by French missionary Marcos de Niza in 1539. 2. The other states were California, Nevada and Utah, and parts of New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming. 3. For 300 years. 4. In 1822. 5. It's on the Hopi Reservation in Navajo county. 6. It's the oldest continuously-inhabited settlement in North America.

E – Listen, read and check your answers

1. F – She says that's not what history is. 2. T 3. T 4. T 5. F – Arizona was part of New Mexico. 6. F – They split them horizontally. 7. F – It exploded with the arrival of large numbers of miners. 8. T 9. T 10. T

F – Learn it! Use it!

1. formerly 2. crop 3. countless 4. despite 5. taken off 6. passed

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1. a lot more interesting than 2. am not good at memorising 3. have been living here for
4. changed both Arizona's fate and 5. only can you move goods 6. just as important