

EXPLORE New Mexico

Fill in the blanks with important facts about New Mexico and discover some fun details about our state's symbols, animals, plants, and more!

The symbol on the New Mexico state flag represents the four directions (north, south, east, west), the four seasons, the four times of day, and the four stages of life. This symbol is called the _____.



Did you know that the real-life _____ was rescued in New Mexico? He became a national symbol for wildfire prevention and continues to remind people to protect forests today! The _____ is the state bird, famous for its quickness and ability to run across the desert landscape.



_____ is New Mexico's state gem. It is a blue-green stone often used in Native American jewelry and is found in many parts of the state.

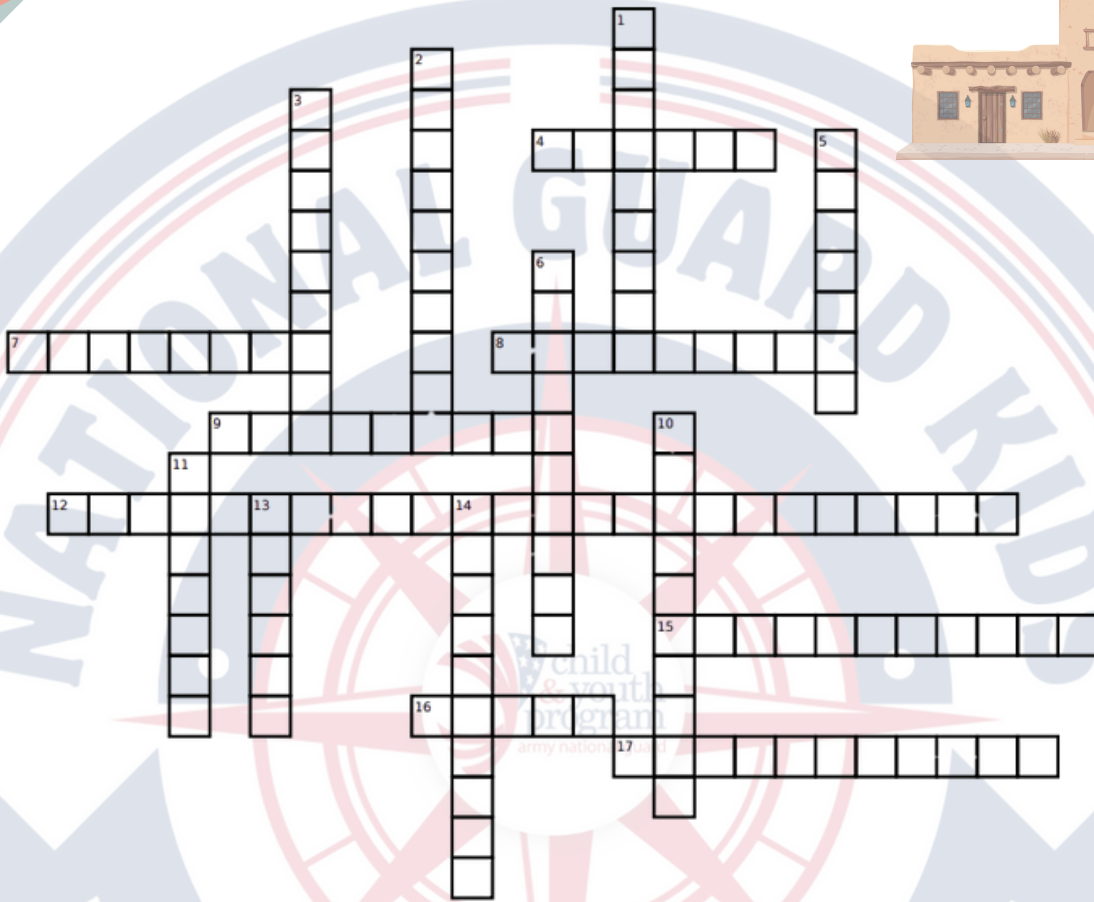


New Mexico is famous for its _____, which is used in many local dishes and is a key part of the state's unique cuisine.



During World War II, the New Mexico National Guard included _____ Code Talkers, who used their native language to send secret messages the enemy couldn't _____.

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DOWN:

1. A major laboratory where the first atomic bomb was developed.
2. New Mexico's official state cookie, flavored with anise.
3. New Mexico's state animal, known for its strength.
5. A mysterious event in 1947 involving an unidentified flying object.
6. National Park famous for its white gypsum sand dunes.
10. Another key part of New Mexico cuisine, used in various dishes.
11. The capitol city of New Mexico.
13. The largest Indigenous tribe in New Mexico.
14. New Mexico's state bird, famous for its quickness.

ACROSS:

4. A native American tribe with a strong warrior tradition.
7. A key part of New Mexico's cuisine, often used in sauces and dishes.
8. The symbol found on New Mexico's state flag, representing harmony and balance.
9. New Mexico's state gem, often used in Native American jewelry.
12. Honoring New Mexico soldiers endured this infamous 65-mile forced march in the Philippines during WWII.
15. A sacred Native American site with dwellings carved into rock cliffs.
16. New Mexico's state plant, known for its tall stalks and flowers.
17. this city is known for the annual International Balloon Fiesta.