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A Big Rig Tour of the Southwest

Arizona

Monument Valley



- part of the Navaho Indian Reservation in Arizona

Mesa – a flat-topped hill



Desert – an area of land that receives very little rain



Phoenix, Arizona

- America's hottest city

Adapt – to change to fit new conditions

- people adapted to desert living by using the 3 "A's"

1. Air Conditioners – cool the air



2. Automobiles – allowed safer travel



3. Aqueducts – a pipe or canal for carrying large amounts of water



Grand Canyon



- a deep, narrow valley with steep sides

- 277 miles long and 1 mile deep

Hoover Dam



- a wall built across a river to stop the flow of water

- built to keep rivers from flooding

- Stored water behind the dam provides water for aqueducts to farms and cities

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Carlsbad Caverns - New Mexico



Cavern – a large cave (hole found beneath the earth)
* at sunset you could see hundreds of thousands of bats flying out of the caves

“Sooner State” - Oklahoma



- * 1889 the U.S. government offered 2 million acres of free land
- * April 22, 1889 - Between 50,000-100,000 people raced to get the land
- * Some settlers entered the area **sooner** than they were supposed to.

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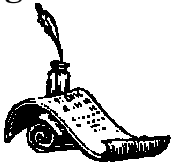
Texas

Austin, Texas



Capital – a city where the government of a state is located.

Legislative Branch



- makes laws for the people of the state
- decide how much people must pay in taxes

Executive Branch



- headed by the governor
- makes sure the laws are carried out

Judicial Branch



- made up of courts
- judge people who are accused of breaking laws

Alamo

* A mission where Spanish priests taught Native Americans the Christian religion in the 1700s



* Now a memorial to **Texas freedom fighters**



El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico



Maquiladora – American factory built in Mexico

- Americans build factories across the border because Mexican workers will work for much lower pay than American workers.
- Mexicans move to the border because that's where the jobs are.