Pueblo Grande Museum – A Place to Call Home Worksheet

1. The two types of houses constructed by the ancestral Sonoran Desert people (the Hohokam) were the _________ and the ___________ ___________.

Pithouses (A.D. 450 – 1450)

2. Steps used to build a pithouse included
   • Digging a ______ into the ground
   • Lining the pit with ___________ (nature’s cement)
   • Using ___________ _____ along the side of the walls

3. Pithouses were used primarily to store ___________ ___________ and to sleep.

4. Most activities took place ____________________.

5. All pithouses tended to be ________ shaped with one small entranceway.

6. Small fire pits were used as a source of ___________ inside of the pithouses.

7. _________ is a term used to describe when items are found in the place they were left by past people.

Material Culture

8. What type of technique was used by the ancestral Sonoran Desert people to make pottery? _______________ and _______________
9. What type of pottery are the ancestral Sonoran Desert people known for making?

- on - pottery.

10. Archaeologists use the pottery that they find to tell them where the ancestral Sonoran Desert people _____ they were going, ______ types of items they were trading, and _____ they were trading with. (hint: think of “w” words)

11. What item would you sleep on in a pithouse? __________________________

12. What type of items did the ancestral Sonoran Desert people make?

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13. A cluster of pithouses tended to be arranged around a central _____________. The ancestral people were a communal society.

Compound Houses (AD 1150 – 1450)

14. Compound houses contain one or more house surrounded by a _________and with a private central ______________.

15. Compound houses tended to be _____________ shaped and are built on top of the ground surface.

16. The walls are made from ______________ and ______________.

17. The interior surfaces of the compound house walls were not lined with ______________.