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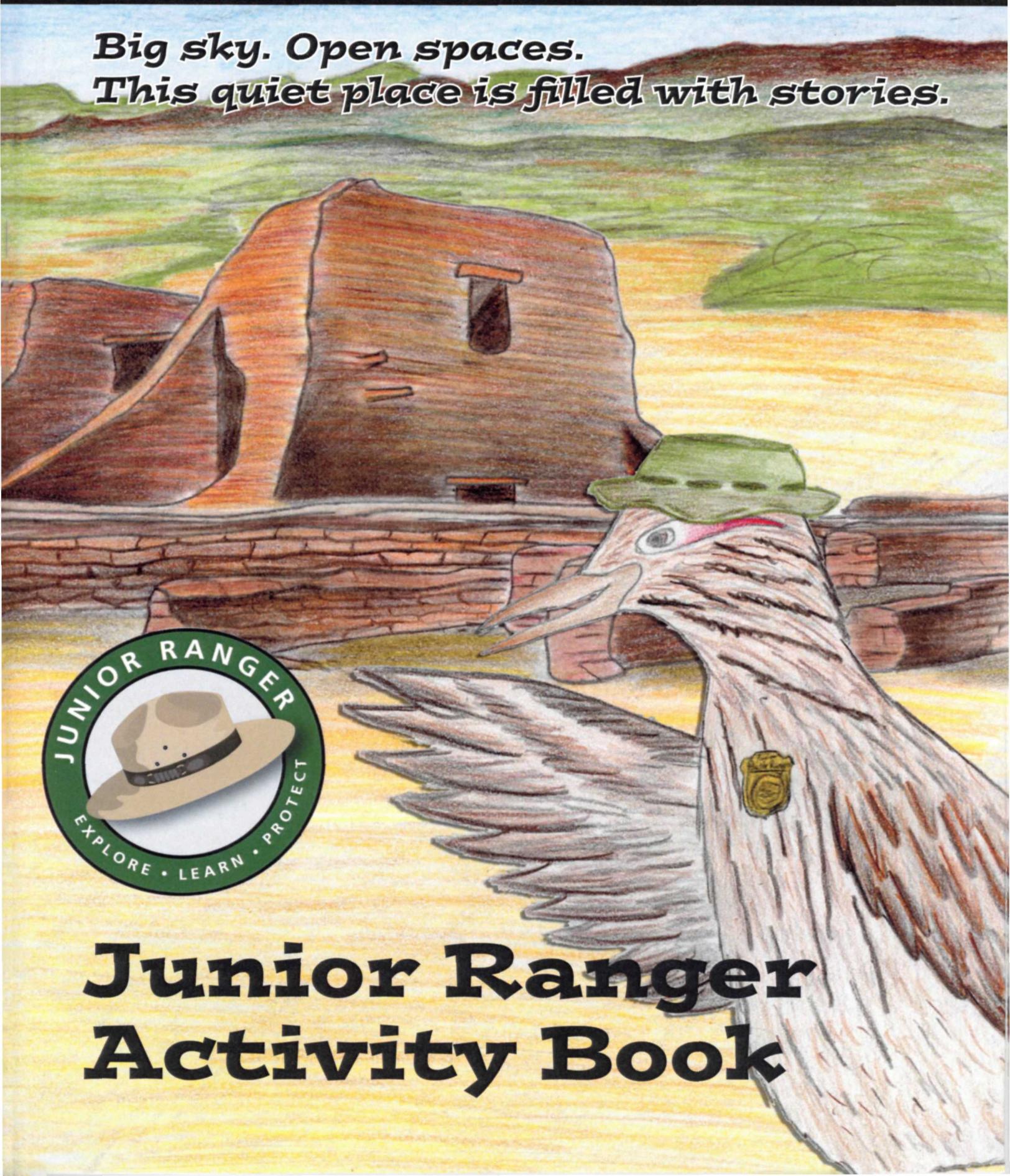
Pecos National Historical Park
New Mexico



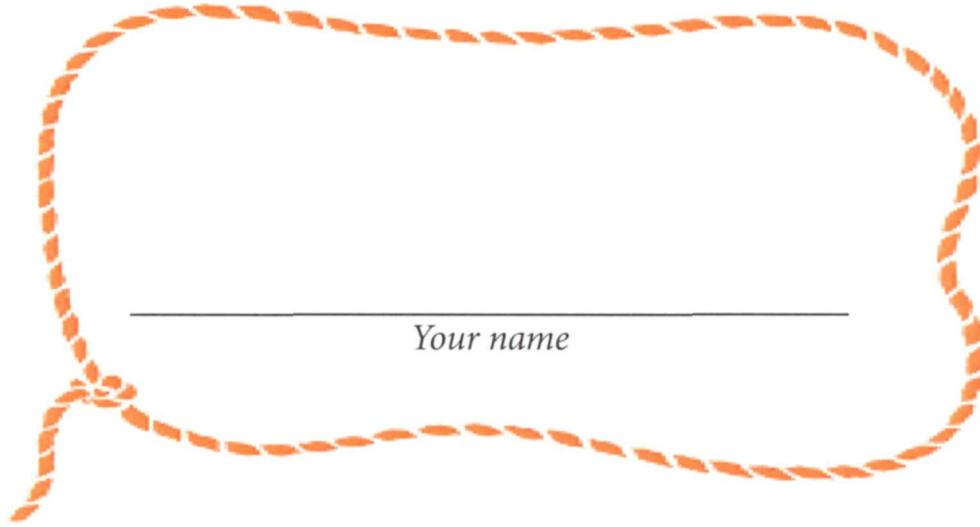
*Big sky. Open spaces.
This quiet place is filled with stories.*



Junior Ranger Activity Book



This Junior Ranger book belongs to



and here is how you can earn your Junior Ranger Badge:

1 DO ACTIVITIES

These drawings on each page show difficulty levels. Find the level that you can do and complete at least 3 of the activities.



CORN
Ages 4-6



CIVIL WAR BUGLE
Ages 7-9



COWBOY HAT
Ages 10+

2 TAKE THE PLEDGE

Find the rangers at the front desk to take the Junior Ranger Pledge and earn your badge.

OR



Mail your booklet to the park at the following address:

Pecos National Historical Park

Junior Ranger Program

P.O. Box 418

Pecos, NM 87552



★ ★ ★
Welcome
to Pecos National Historical Park

***Explore *Learn *Protect
Be a Junior Ranger!**



EXPLORE
the sites and history of Pecos National Historical Park.

LEARN
about the people, stories, and places of Pecos.

PROTECT
the parks through your words and actions.

START HERE...

by interviewing a Park Ranger.

You: What's your name?

Ranger: _____

You: Why did you become a park ranger?

Ranger: _____

You: What do you like about your job?

Ranger: _____

Ask your question: _____?

Ranger: _____

What's to see and do?

Pecos National Historical Park is home to many layers of history. Here are some of the places you can visit and explore at the park.

PECOS PUEBLO



Ancestral Sites Trail

Walking this short trail will take you up through the Pecos Pueblo and lead you to the Mission Church and Convento. Don't miss your opportunity to explore one of the reconstructed kivas along the trail.

MISSION CHURCH AND CONVENTO



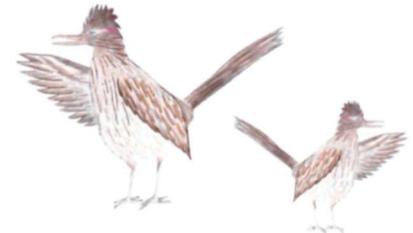
Battlefield Trail

Did you know a Civil War Battle was fought here in Pecos? Hike the Battlefield Trail to imagine what it would have been like in 1862 when soldiers were fighting in this area.

BATTLE OF GLORIETA PASS



Hi! I'm Ranger Roadrunner. Look for me as you do the activities in this book.



TRADING POST



Forked Lightning Ranch and Kozlowski's Trading Post

Many travelers who made their way across the Santa Fe Trail stopped at Kozlowski's Trading Post to purchase goods. Today the Trading Post is part of the Forked Lightning Ranch and a popular place for visitors to visualize life on a working cattle ranch.

RANCH HOUSE



1

What's in the symbol?

Here is the symbol of the National Park Service. What do you see in this symbol? **Connect the dots to see the full image.**



Each part of the symbol stands for something the National Park Service helps keep safe. **Once you are done, use the letters to label the different parts of the picture.**

A
The sequoia tree =
plants

B
The bison =
wildlife

C
The mountains =
pretty scenery

D
The water =
recreation

E
The arrowhead =
*history and
archaeology*





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Why do we protect and respect?

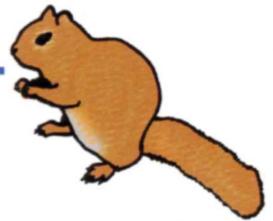
Imagine thousands of people visiting the park each year.

In the boxes write or draw what would happen if each park visitor ...

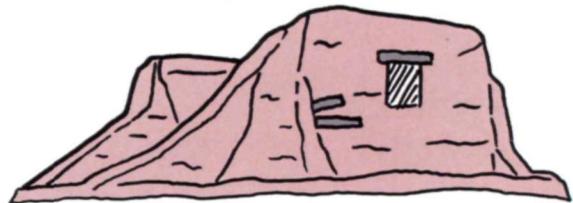
... walked off of the trail.



... fed the animals.



... threw trash in the church.



... wrote on the walls.





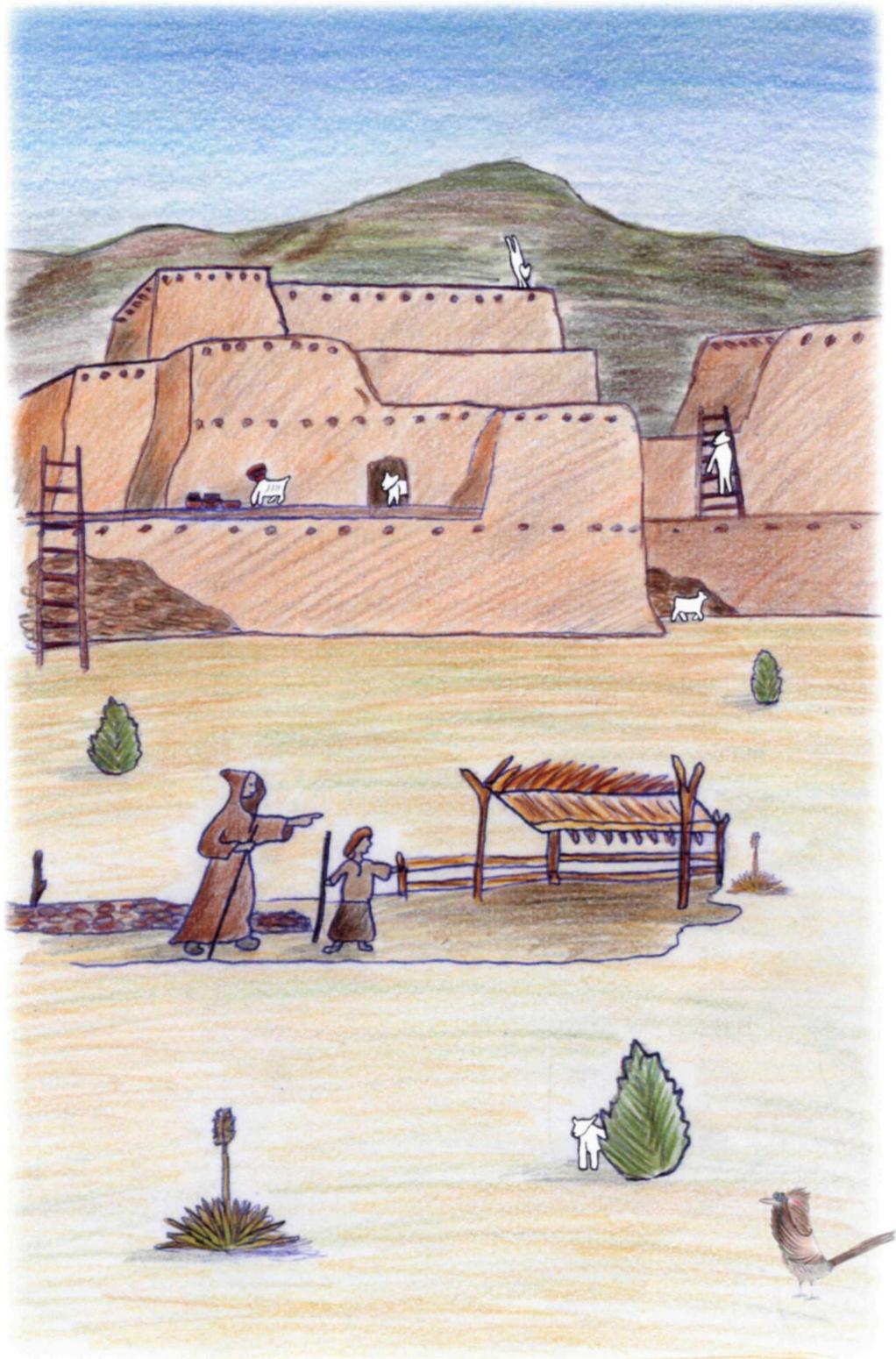
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Spanish times

My name is Cristóbal. I am from Mexico and came to Pecos with my family and a Mexico City priest named Fray Luis. I help Fray Luis care for our sheep. I have learned Towa, the language spoken by the Pecos people, and am the interpreter for Fray Luis. I like it here because there are so many new things to learn and so many other children to play with.

Unfortunately, six of my sheep have escaped and are roaming around the pueblo.

Help Cristóbal find the sheep in the pueblo by circling each one.



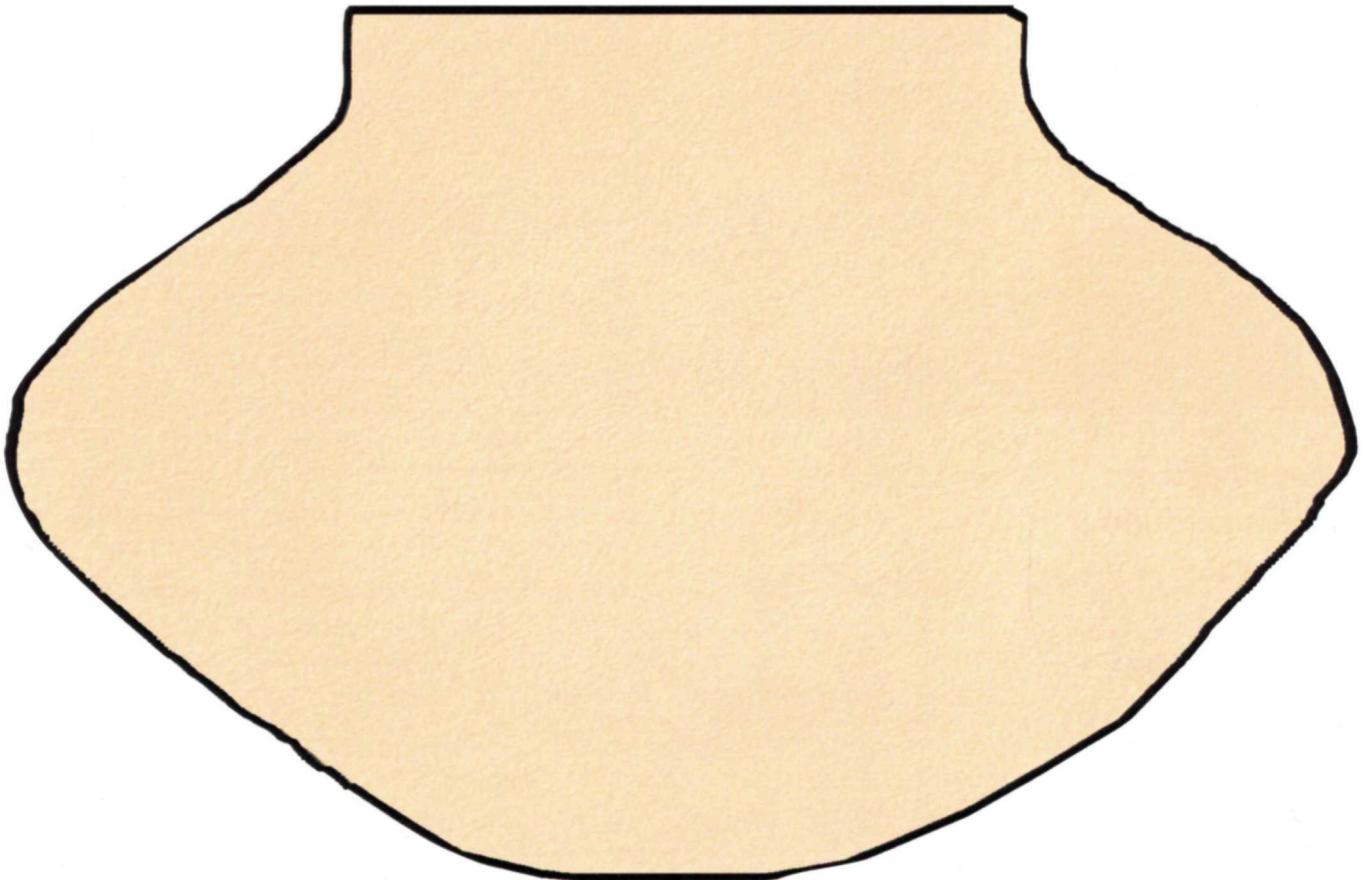


4 *Design your own pottery*

We can discover a lot about a group of people by looking at the pottery they make. We are able to learn with whom they may have traded goods, as well as when and where the pottery was actually made.

Take a look at the pottery on this and the next page. The symbols, designs, and patterns are meaningful to the person who made them.

Decorate the pot below with your own designs such as symbols, patterns, shapes, animals or even your name.

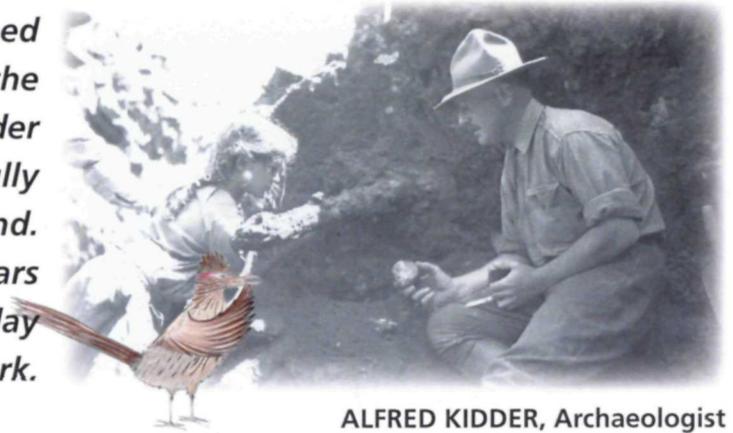




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Matching pottery sherds

One important person who helped change archaeology throughout the Southwest was ALFRED KIDDER. Kidder studied people of the past by carefully looking at the things they left behind. He worked here in Pecos over many years and much of what we know today is a result of his hard work.



ALFRED KIDDER, Archaeologist

Over time, soil will build up like layers of a cake. The oldest dirt is at the bottom and the newest at the top. An archaeologist's job is to look through those layers to learn about the way ancient civilizations lived based on the objects left behind.

First, draw lines from each piece of pottery to the layer of dirt in which it would have been found. Then, label the layers of dirt in order of age: Old, Older, Oldest.



6 Trade fair

Pecos Pueblo was home to many trade fairs between the Pecos people and neighboring tribes. Without goods from other tribes, it would have been difficult for a community to thrive. The people from the Rio Grande Valley frequently brought corn and pottery to trade while the Great Plains people often brought bison hides, meat, and Alibates flint used for making stone tools.

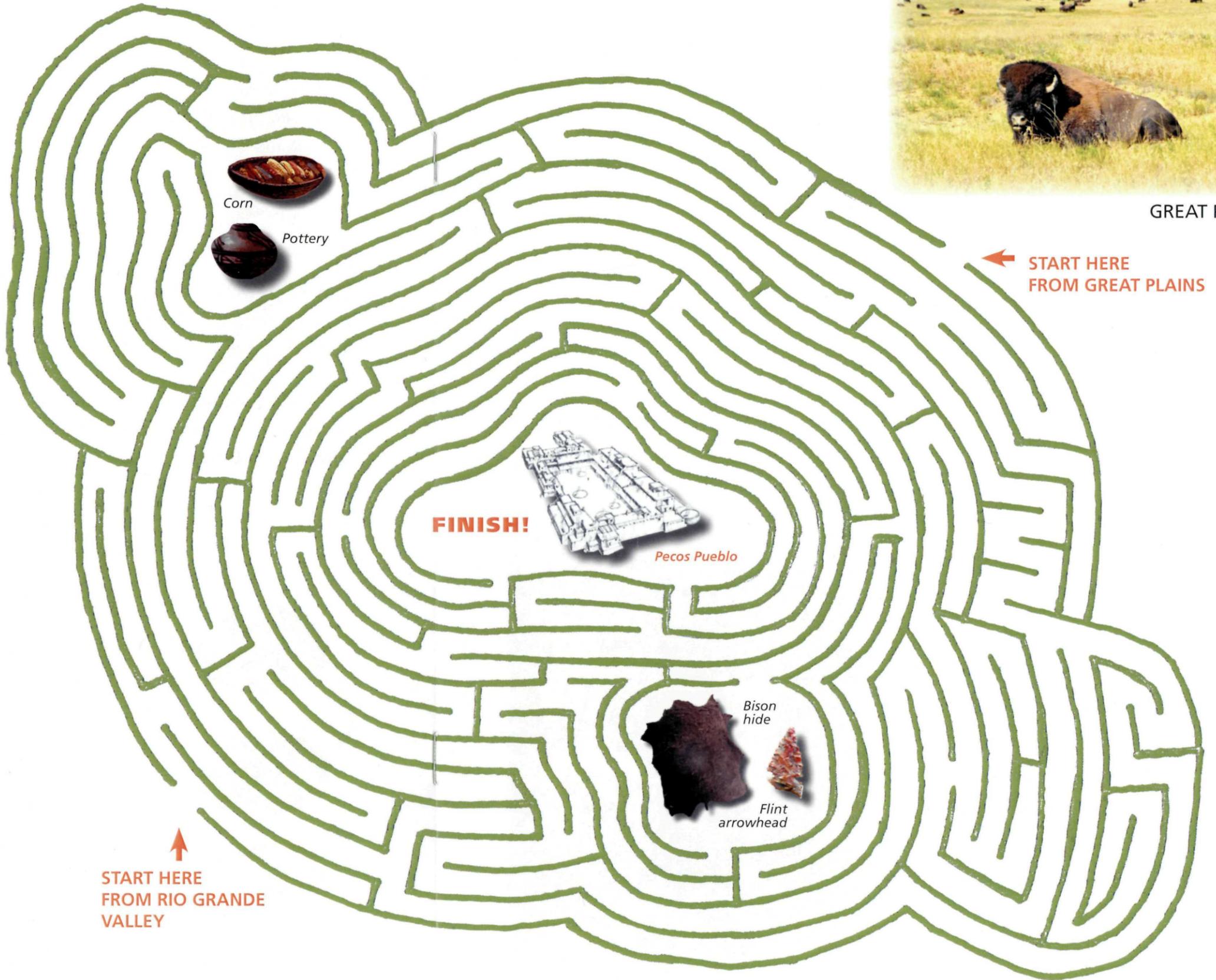
Help everyone from the Rio Grande Valley and from the Great Plains move their goods to the centrally located Pecos Pueblo so they can all participate in the trade fair.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY



GREAT PLAINS





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Life at Pecos Pueblo

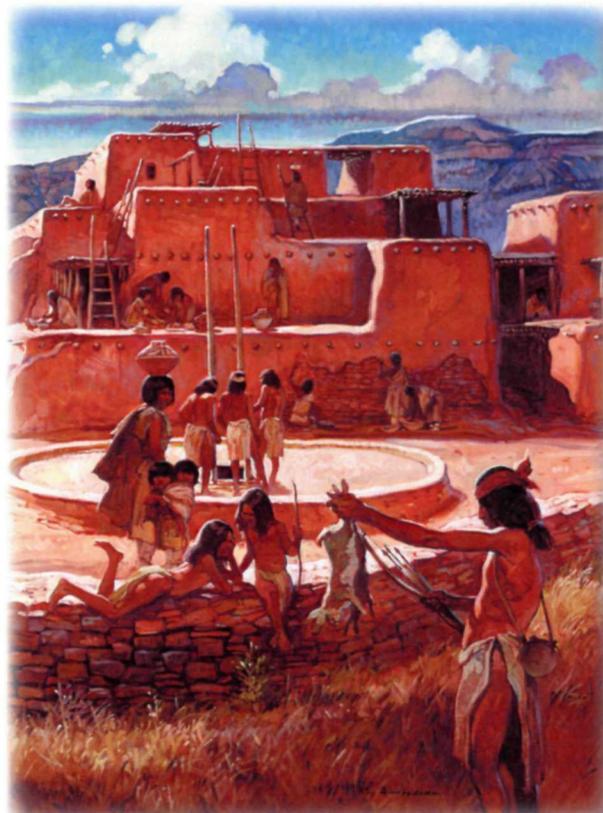
kivas · baskets · hand · piñon · fish · pottery · turkey · corn

In Pecos, we must gather our own food. We grow plants such as maize, which is another word for _____, as well as squash and beans. Our families will also hunt for mule deer and rabbits. Another staple in our diet are the pine nuts that fall out of pine cones onto the ground. These nuts are called by the Spanish word for pine nut which is _____. When we go down to the Pecos River or Glorieta Creek to get water, we often catch _____ to eat as well.

To learn more about the life of the people of Pecos, read this story and fill in the blanks using the words in the box above.

We make our own tools from the resources around Pecos. To carry corn, bread, and water, we weave baskets from yucca plants, and we make beautiful pieces of _____ out of clay. We make blankets with _____ feathers to keep us warm at night.

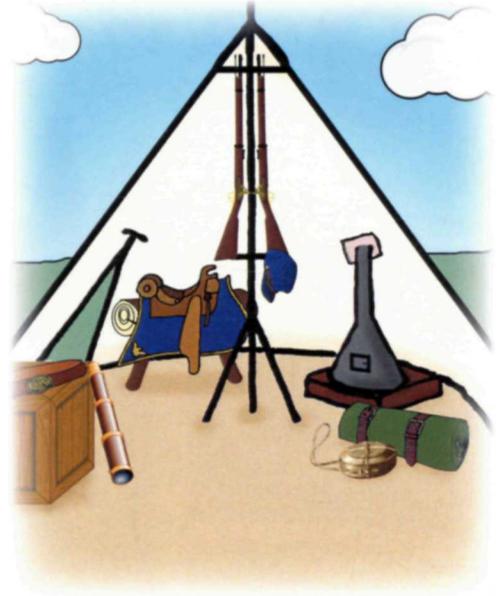
Our homes are quite unique. We build them with stone and mud all by _____. We lay wooden beams across the top to make a roof that protects us from the weather. When the _____ are not being used for ceremonies, we use them to listen to stories, weave cloth, make _____ and fabricate tools.





8 Civil War

Long before there were phones, people used Morse Code to send messages electronically over long distances. Special telegraph operators would send "tick" noises which could be a dot (•) or a dash (—) to represent the alphabet.



To practice Morse Code, write your name here using the symbols to the left:

Then follow the instructions below to help the General.

Dear Soldier,

The General is on the front lines and needs supplies immediately! We have received a message for you to decode. Use the Morse Code alphabet to figure out what items the General needs.

A	• —
B	— • • •
C	— • — •
D	— • •
E	•
F	• • — •
G	— — •
H	• • • •
I	• •
J	• — — —
K	— • —
L	• — • •
M	— —
N	— •
O	— — —
P	• — — •
Q	— — • —
R	• — •
S	• • •
T	—
U	• • —
V	• • • —
W	• — —
X	— • • —
Y	— • — —
Z	— — • •

1. — • • • • • — • • —

2. ... • — • • — — — — — • • — • • — • • — • • — • • — •

3. ... • — — • — • • — • •

4. — • • • • — • • • — • — — — • — • • — •

5. — — • — • — • — • • —



10 Cattle brands



Pecos National Historical Park is home to the Forked Lightning Ranch.



Tex Austin named the ranch ...



and its brand is pictured here.



Later, Buddy Fogelson and Greer Garson owned the ranch and kept the same name.

Ranchers would create their own unique brand to tell which cows and horses belonged to their ranch. They still do this today.

The **rules** for reading a brand are:

1. Read from left to right.
2. Read from top to bottom.
3. Read from outside to inside.

1. Study the rules and draw lines to match the name of the ranch with its brand.



Bench Lazy N Ranch



Rocking N Ranch



Bar N Ranch



Circle Tumbling N Ranch

2. Use the first letter of your name to create your own brand in the box below.





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Habitat or home?

Habitat is really a fancy word for *home*. It is the place where an animal gets all the things it needs to survive, like food, water, and shelter.

Draw a line from the animals in the center column to the food they need in the left column and to their shelter in the right column. Hint: There may be more than one correct answer.

FOOD



Mayfly



Lizard



Ice Cream



Rabbit



Fish

ANIMAL



Black Bear



Fish



Human

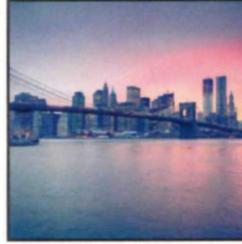


Rattlesnake



Roadrunner

SHELTER



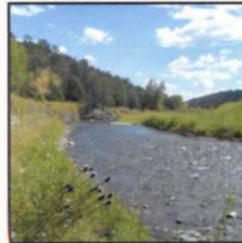
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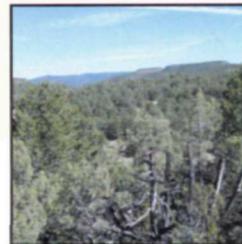
Rocks



Long grass



River



Forest



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Moving through time

The Glorieta Pass has been used by humans for over 10,000 years to travel back and forth. Travelers, traders, and tourists have all taken the same path through the mountains, but the way they moved varied a great deal. **Complete the rhymes and use the images to figure out the different ways that individuals have moved through Glorieta Pass.**

The first Americans traveled far
Crossing deserts and mountains without a car
On their journey they had time to talk
From here to there they would have to _____.



Centuries ago, came a new type of beast
It stood proud and tall on four hooved feet
It traveled the ocean, Spain was its source
Saddle up partner! You're riding a _____.



Traders and travelers on the Santa Fe Trail
Carried silver, clothes, tools and goods for sale
To haul by yourself you might start a-laggin'
Instead put your goods in a big covered _____.



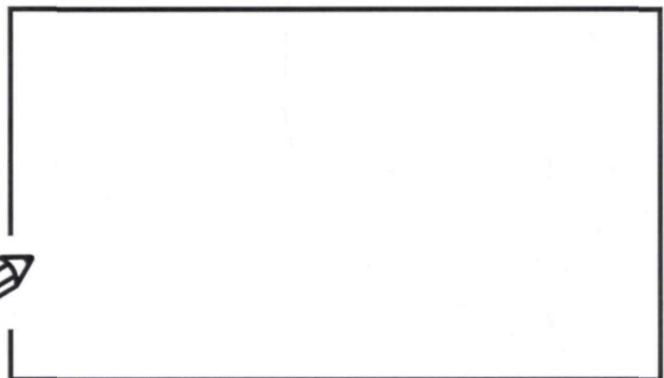
It's called "Iron Horse," powered by steam
It moves with great force as though in a dream
Connecting the land, California to Maine
Many goods, many people now ride the _____.



Today they fill roads like hundreds of ants
Your parents will drive it although you yet can't
To school, to store, to parks near and far
Buckle your seatbelt if you're in a _____.



Draw how you think visitors might come to the park in the future.





Picture this

Take in the sights, sounds, and smells of Pecos National Historical Park.

Cross off each item you are able to find in the park. See if you can get four in a row. Fill in *Your space!* showing us something new that you discovered on your own.

For a real challenge, try to find all of the items pictured below.



Roadrunner



Buffalo gourd



Ranger



Trading post



Forked Lightning Ranch



Adobe bricks



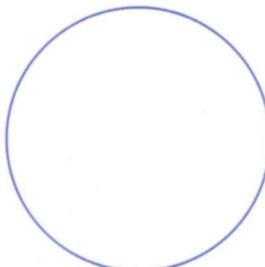
Kiva



Mission church



Beetle



Your space!



Colorado monument



Cholla cactus



Glorieta Mesa



Verbena



Windmill



South Pueblo

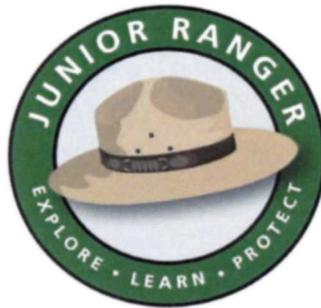
Junior Ranger

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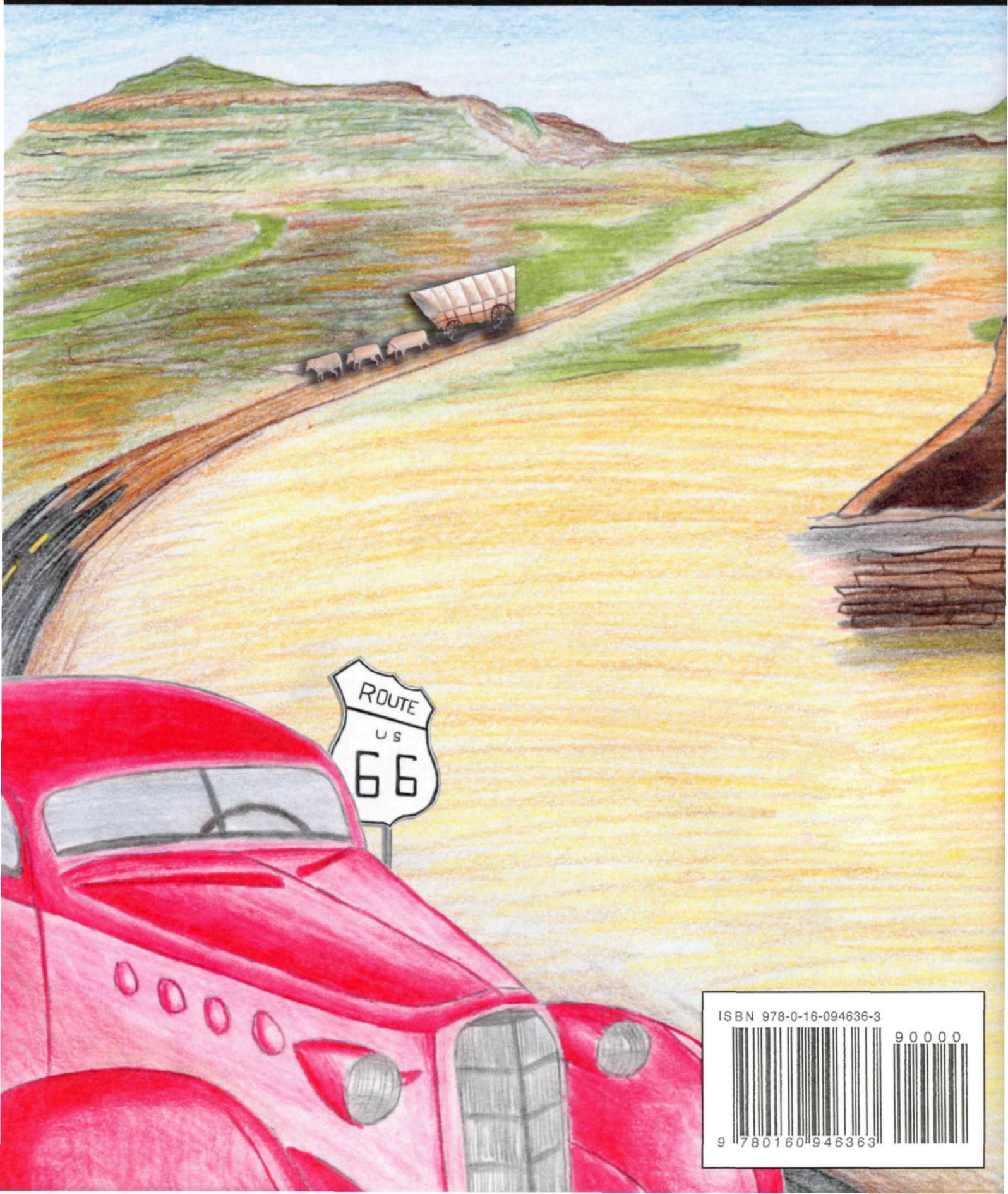
is now an official Junior Ranger at
Pecos National Historical Park.



I, _____, will respect
the history of Pecos National Historical Park
and help preserve and protect
America's National Parks.

Park Ranger

Date



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