

The background features a light beige, textured paper-like surface. In the center, there is a faint, dark silhouette of a mountain range. On the right side, a dark, thin branch of a willow tree hangs down, adorned with numerous small, dark, round berries or buds.

The Navajo Tribe

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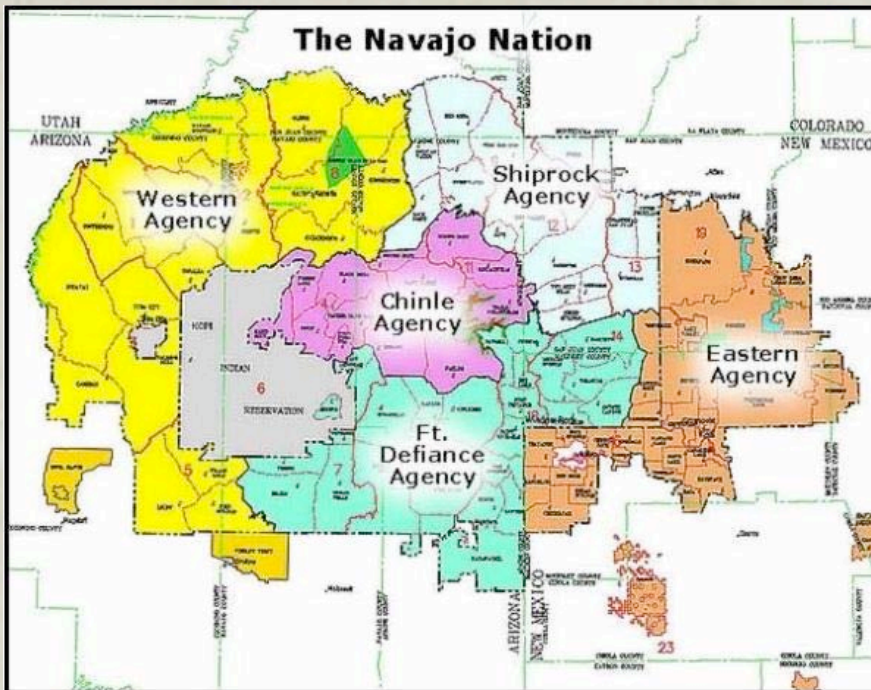
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Location

- ❖ *The Navajo Tribe covers the corners of three states: Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.*



- ❖ *The Navajo reservation covered 27,673 square miles in the United States of America.*

The Trail of Tears

❖ *In the 1860s, more than 10,000 Navajos and other tribes were forced to march to the reservation in eastern New Mexico called Bosque Redondo.*

❖ *They were force to leave their home land and leave everything behind.*

❖ *As they marched to their new reservation, they cried along and called it the Trail of Tears.*



Navajo Housing



Past

- ❖ *Navajo Indians lived in homes called Hogans, they were made from wooden poles, tree bark, and mud.*
- ❖ *Navajo tugs are weaved by grandmothers, they usually have a small flaw at the final so evil spirits have a way to escape.*
- ❖ *The Navajo language was not only used to help keep the Navajo culture but it was used to code in the U.S Army with the Japanese during World War II.*

Present

- ❖ *Navajo children are now raised on the reservations and they continue to herd sheep and livestock.*
- ❖ *Children are able to go to schools but many have to be send to boarding school depending the location of the school.*
- ❖ *The Navajo now are distance from each others houses compared to the past they used to be always together as a family.*

Navajo Food Habits

Past

- ❖ *The Navajo tribe would plant fields of corns, beans, squash and they also practice hunting.*
- ❖ *They would cook over fire because they were no stove by then.*



Present

- ❖ *The grandmother was able to past to the next generations the dishes so they don't lose the food recipes from back then.*
- ❖ *Food means a lot to the culture, it thanks and greets visitors.*



Working Habits



Past

- ❖ *Women would shave the goats fur to make coats and clothing for them.*
- ❖ *Men would go fishing or hunting to get the food so they would be able to eat.*
- ❖ *Women would also weave rugs and baskets.*

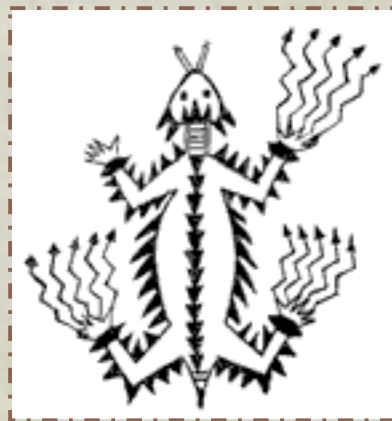
Present

- ❖ *Now the woven rugs are purchased by visitors that come and visit the tribe.*
- ❖ *Many of the artifacts that they used to make by hand are now in the museums.*



Navajo Religion

- ❖ *The Navajo tribe doesn't really have a specific religion.*
- ❖ *They worship the winds, watercourses, sun, and a number of gods that they believe intervene in human affairs.*
- ❖ *Navajo people do ceremonies and offer dances to gods.*
- ❖ *They believe that there are two types of beings, the earth people and the holy people.*



Navajo Present Religion

- ❖ *Now, the Navajo tribe have most of their beliefs as a religion.*
- ❖ *There might be some changes because now they have like a government to take care of there nation.*
- ❖ *They have a president, vice president and a chief justice.*



Navajo Belief

Their way of life is based on a belief that the physical and spiritual world blend together, and everything on earth is alive and sacred.

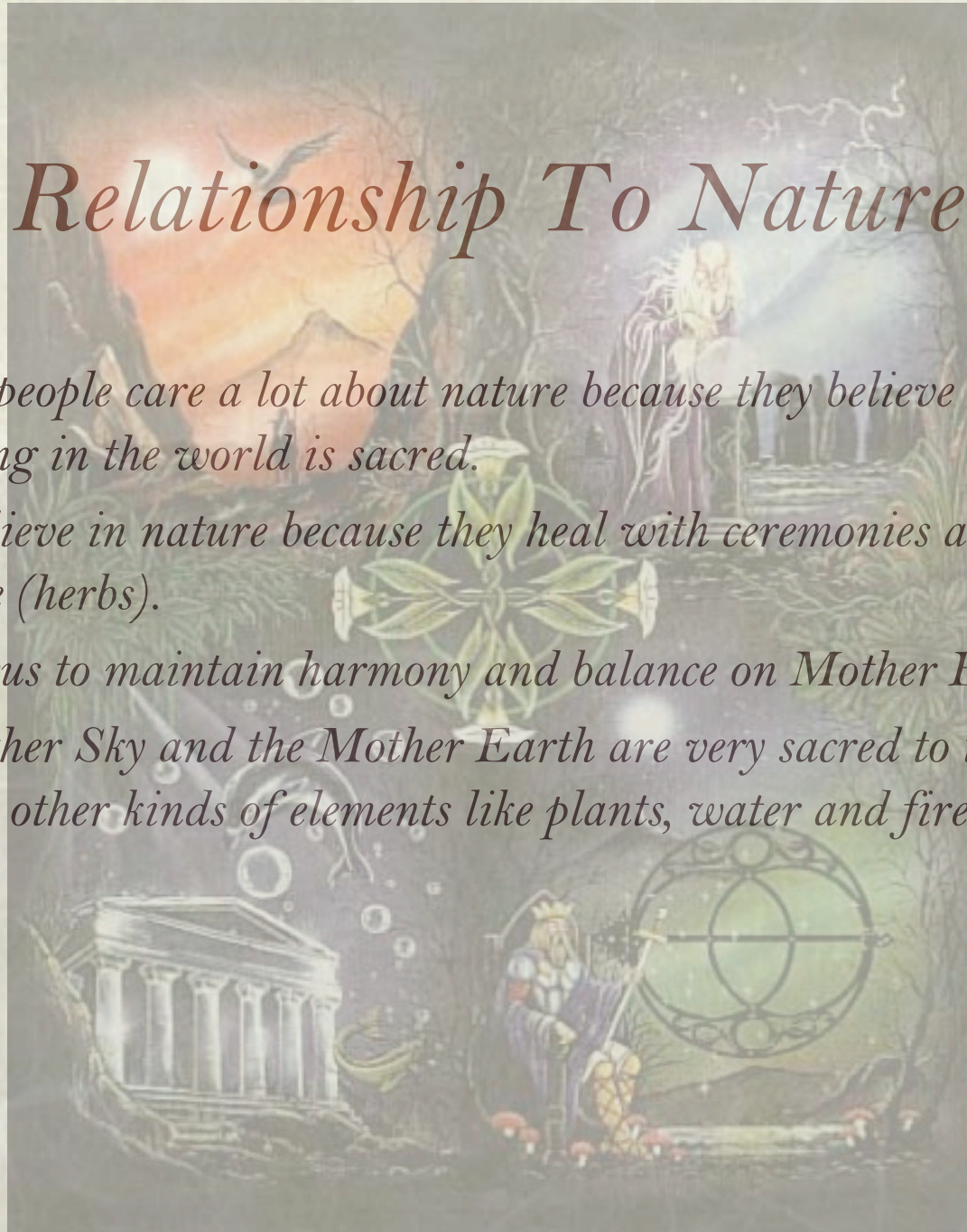
The Navajo people have two major kinds of ceremonies:

❖ *Blessing way, which is to keep them on the path of happiness and wisdom.*

❖ *Enemy way, which is to eliminate ghosts and discourage evil spirits.*

Relationship To Nature

- ❖ *Navajo people care a lot about nature because they believe that everything in the world is sacred.*
- ❖ *They believe in nature because they heal with ceremonies and Navajo medicine (herbs).*
- ❖ *They focus to maintain harmony and balance on Mother Earth.*
- ❖ *The Father Sky and the Mother Earth are very sacred to the Navajo and also other kinds of elements like plants, water and fire.*



What we can learn from them

❖ *We can learn that the Navajo tribe is unique and that they survive only with the needed necessities.*

❖ *They are very caring for what they have and they do ceremonies for every need or to thank nature for what they have.*

❖ *We can also learn how they are devoted to the Heavens, Earth and other elements.*

