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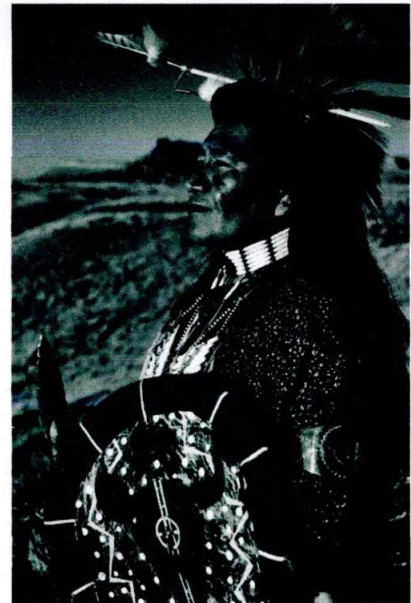
Mixed bag: History of the Navajo tribe

Fill in the missing words.

The Navajos are an _____ tribe from the southwestern part of _____ United States. They call _____ Dineh which means “the people”. The Navajos came _____ the southwestern states from the northwest Pacific¹ coast and Canada, between 1300 _____ 1600. They chased wild animals and made their clothes _____ these animals’ skins. They _____ known as great fighters by the Spanish _____ and other Indian tribes. They _____ corn² and beans³ in fields that the Spanish called Nabaju, _____ “great planted fields”. The _____ Nabaju became “Navajo”, pronounced “Navaho” in Spanish. By 1750, the Navajos were _____ in places around Canyon de Chelly in northeastern Ariz_____. Having animals had become a part _____ Navajo life. They had many sheep. Because the sheep ate the grass, the Navajos _____ move on _____ new territories. They did not live as an organized tribe in villages, but _____ different areas in Arizona and New Mexico, where they still _____ today. Navajo families lived in *hogans*⁴, _____ were quick and easy to build when they moved.

In the 1850s and 1860s the white Americans killed or caught thousands _____ Navajos. They burn _____ the Natives’ hogans and killed _____ sheep.

Today the Navajo live in the largest _____ in North America.



¹Pacific [pə'sɪfɪk] – Pazifik, ²corn [kɔ:n] – Mais, ³bean [bi:n] – Bohnen, ⁴hogan ['hɒgən] – traditional home of the Navajo people