Native Americans in Texas

Native American groups who lived in Texas can be grouped by **Geographical Regions**

 Gulf Coastal Region – Caddos and Karankwas

The Caddos lived in the Piney woods region of the Coastal Plains

The Karankawas lived in the Southern region of the Gulf Coastal Plains

Caddos

Mound Builders

East Texas - Piney Woods

Caddo Lake - only natural lake in Texas

**Confederations**- united with other groups to help each other

Hunted Deer and bears for

Fertile land - farmers

Crops – Squash, beans, **Maize** (corn)

Round Beehive homes surrounded temple

Comfortable lifestyle

Women wore deerskin dresses

Men wore loin cloths

Caddo name means ‘real chiefs’

Write the name of the Native tribe in the correct region



Karankawas

Beaches – Corpus Cristi, Galveston

Used **dugout**s (canoes)

**Fishing** on islands off the coast – seafood

**Nomads** – moved from place to place

Difficulty farming - sandy soil, hot and humid

**Cabeza de Vaca** ( Spanish explorer) lived among the karankawas and wrote about their lifestyle

Built homes of sticks and straw mats – easy to pick up and move elsewhere

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 **Great / High Plains and Central Plains** – Comanches & Apaches

**Mountains and Basins** - Jumanos

Comanches and Apache

Lived on the **High Plains** – Texas Panhandle

**Nomadic** hunters- Apache & Comanche

**Warriors** – invaded other tribes

Learned how to ride Mustangs (wild horses)

**Buffalo** – used for food, clothing and shelter

Women wore fringed dresses – buffalo hide

Men wore breech cloths, moccasins, leggings

Homes **– tepees** – poles and **animal skin**

Comanche name means ‘ **one who wants to fight me’**

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Jumanos

**Mountains and Basin** region - dry

**West Texas** – Rio Grande, El Paso

Also lived in New Mexico & Arizona

**Pueblo** Civilizations

Made **adobe** houses- 2 – 3 stories high

Used ladders to enter second floor

**Adob**e – bricks made of **mud and grass**

Used **irrigation** – canals, ditches, pipes to carry water

Some Jumanos were nomads

**Study Suggestions**

Write journal entries from the point of view of children living in each tribe

Draw and label a map of Texas using a legend to identify the areas where different Native American groups lived

Draw a picture of the different types of homes for each Native American group

Vocabulary Words

Caddos , Karankawas,, Comanche, Apache, Jumanos

Nomads

Confederation

Council

hide

tepees

Irrigation

Adobe

Pueblo

Ancestors

artifacts