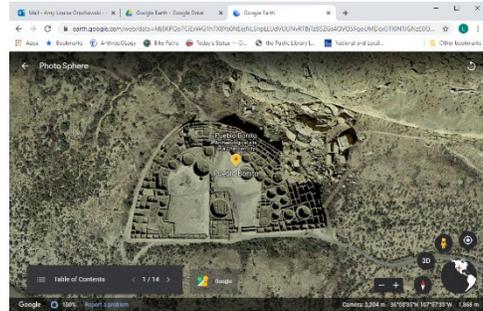


The Great Houses of Chaco Canyon

The Great Houses of Chaco Canyon are no longer inhabited, but the buildings that remain today can still be visited. If you cannot go to the actual National Historical Park that preserves these remains, you can visit virtually using Google Earth.

Use this [map interactive](#) to explore and learn about the places and features of this special place.

As you explore the Great Houses of Chaco Canyon, lived in and built by the Ancestral Puebloan people from approximately 800 to late 1200 CE, **look for and identify these features:**



1. Room blocks

Square or rectangle rooms built in straight rows or along curved walls for sleeping, cooking, eating and storage

2. Plazas

Wide open spaces in front of the room blocks where people would work or trade items or hold ceremonial dances

3. Kivas

Large circular rooms used for prayer and other ceremonies

Google Earth tour of the Great Houses of Chaco Canyon

- To launch this map interactive, click on the link above.
- Once open, click on “Present” from the menu on the left.
- Scroll in and out and around each site to see details and structures. You can use the shift key and drag the mouse to turn 360° within the site. You can use the shift key and scroll the mouse to pan up and down within the site.
- Click on and scroll through the pictures in the upper right corner to see alternate views of the site and for more information. Click the arrow in the upper left corner to return to the main map.
- Click on and drag Street View (person icon) in the lower right corner to see 360° views of the site if possible. Click on the Street View icon again to return to the main map and your place in the presentation.
- Click the arrow in the “Table of Contents” in the lower left corner to advance to the next site.

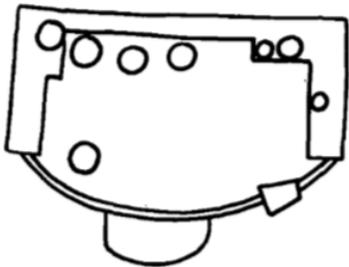
Use this map tour to complete the worksheet below.

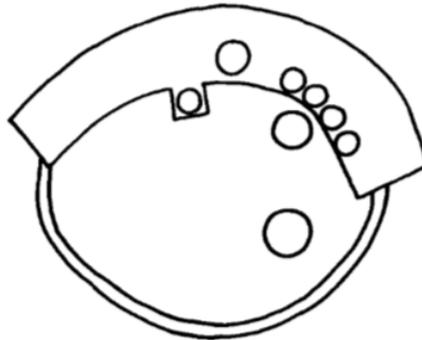
Great House and Feature Identification

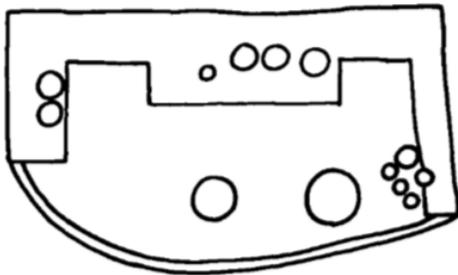
Can you identify which Great House these simple line drawings represent? Use the list at right to label each Great House. Add an arrow next to each illustration to indicate north. Then, color in the room blocks, kivas and plaza in the illustration each in its own color and provide a key.

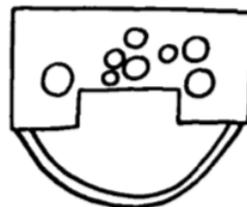












Chetro Ketl

Kin Kletso (Yellow House)

Peñasco Blanco

Pueblo Alto

Pueblo Bonito

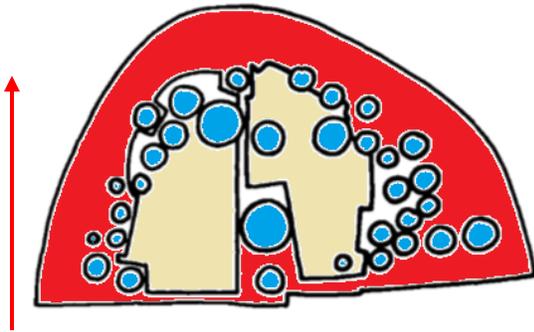
Pueblo Del Arroyo

Answer Key

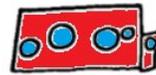
Room blocks – red

Plazas – yellow

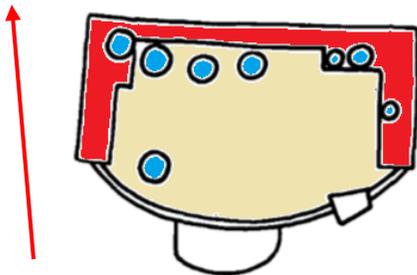
Kivas - blue



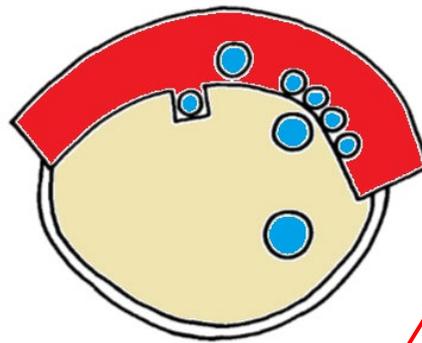
Pueblo Bonito



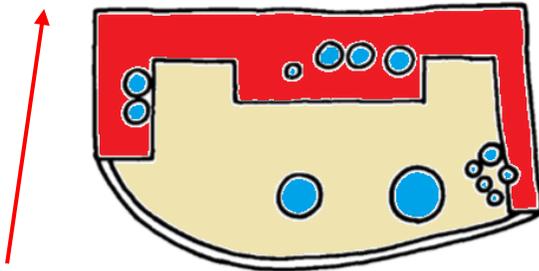
Kin Kletso



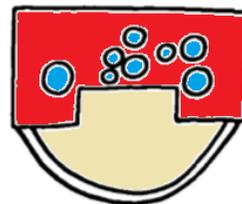
Pueblo Alto



Peñasco Blanco



Chetro Ketl



Pueblo Del Arroyo

All Illustrations: [National Park Service](#)

[Maxwell Museum Education Division](#)

(505) 277-2924

Resources

Official website: Chaco Culture National Historical Park -National Park Service

<https://www.nps.gov/chcu/index.htm>

The Children's Hour Chaco Canyon podcast

<https://www.childrenshour.org/chaco-canyon/>

Chaco Culture National Historical Park facts for kids

https://kids.kiddle.co/Chaco_Culture_National_Historical_Park

The Museum Collections of Chaco Culture National Historical Park

<https://www.nps.gov/museum/exhibits/chcu/index1.html>

A Brief History of Chaco Culture National Historical Park – National Park Service

<https://www.nps.gov/chcu/learn/upload/Chaco-Brief-History.pdf>

Ancestral Pueblo jars from Chaco Canyon, from the collection of the National Museum of the American Indian

<https://americanindian.si.edu/static/exhibitions/infinityofnations/southwest/052109.html>

Online Collection from Chaco Culture National Historical Park from Google Arts and Culture

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/chaco-culture-national-historical-park>

Chaco Culture World Heritage Site: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/353/>

2:45 minute Video of Chaco Culture from UNESCO/NHK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNfkBgU2ILs>



Lulu loving the idea of living in a house made with stone