

Come Meet Us!



Many people of Arizona's past and present are waiting for you when you visit the Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park in Tempe. Read the following passages and try to figure out who spoke these words. List the correct character's name below each quote. Here are the choices:

Irish Soldier

Mexican
Miner

California
Cattleman

Chinese
Entrepreneur

Midwestern
Land
Developer

Apache
Youth

Mormon
Missionary

Pima
Basket
Maker

1. "I left my homeland after a number of poor rice harvests and traveled to work with a cousin of a woman from my village in San Francisco across the ocean. After working for the railroad, I decided to settle in Arizona. In Phoenix, I found that it is wise to avoid attracting attention. There are many who resent the Chinese because we are hard workers and own profitable businesses. I hope to open a shop with the money I saved from working in a Chinese laundry. I picked up some English from my railroad work which will help my business." I am the:

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2. "From Sonora I traveled to California where I found that my dream of wealth and independence was shared by many men, from the Americans to the Chinese. For many years, I worked the streams and riverbeds, searching for hints of gold. News of great discoveries of

precious metals lured me and others in search of these riches.” I am the:

3. “Those things which we cannot make or which the earth does not provide, we must obtain by other means. Raiding is as much a tradition among our people as trading and hunting. I met up with Geronimo and Cochise last year and they had much wisdom to spread to my tribe.” I am the:

4. “The fort itself is not at all as I expected. Rather than an enclosed, heavily guarded structure with protective ports or walls, it is a cluster of adobe buildings that look more like dirt hills than a functioning fort. Most of the buildings lack roofs and the few that exist are leaky. So far, we have spent most of our time closed up in tents. Luckily for me, these conditions are better than the ones I first experienced in this country working on the railroad with many Chinese.” I am the:

5. “If things look good, I will take the profits from my crops and the sale of my farm to purchase citrus land and invest my remaining funds into a very new and upcoming developing town called Tempe. I wasn’t born here but have traveled all over the eastern and western United States looking for buying opportunities.” I am the:

6. “A year ago, the leaders of the church put out a call for those willing to form a settlement called Lehi, in the Salt River Valley of the Arizona Territory. My husband, daughter, and I chose to follow the call. I am the:

7. “From the shade of the Palo Verdes where I am weaving, I can see the other women harvesting saguaro fruit. I can also see the smoking house where the men sit in council. We are the River People.” I am the:

8. “From 1880 to 1885, I made many drives into Arizona from the west. This time, I have come to stay. I’ve got 60 head of good American stock and I plan to build a ranch in to Tonto Basin. I’ve come into town to register my brand and enter my land patent.” I am the:

Do you know any family or friends who came to Arizona from somewhere else? What made them decide to move here? What did they think once they were here? Ask them!