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6. Describe how a longhouse was built.

7. A large village would have several longhouses built inside a wooden fence called a ?

8. Who lived in the longhouses? How many could live in one?
9. What type of home did the Native Americans of the Southwest, especially the Hopi, build?

10. Where were the pueblos often built and what were they made of?

11. How were the pueblos kept strong?

12. How many stories could the pueblos have? How did they climb between the floor? How were the pueblos kept safe from intruders?

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The women of the tribe set up the teepee and they could do it in about 30 minutes.

2. Describe how a teepee was built.

There was a large number of poles used as the frame. They were tied at the top to and spread out at the bottom to make an upside down cone shape. Then the outside was wrapped with a large covering made of buffalo hide.

3. How were the teepees made warmer in the winter?

In the winter additional coverings and insulation such as grass were used to help keep the teepee warm. In the center of the teepee, a fire would be built. There was a hole at the top to let out the smoke.
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“People of the Longhouses”.

5. Describe what a longhouse looked like. Include what it was made from. Longhouses were permanent homes built from wood and bark. They get their name because they were built in the shape of a long rectangle. Usually they were around 80 feet long and 18 feet wide. They had holes in the roof to allow for the smoke from fires to escape and a door at each end.

6. Describe how a longhouse was built.
To build the longhouse home, tall poles from trees were used to frame in the sides. At the top the natives used curved poles to build the roof. The roof and sides were then covered with overlapping pieces of bark, like shingles. This helped to keep the rain and wind out of their homes.

7. A large village would have several longhouses built inside a wooden fence called a?

   palisade

8. Who lived in the longhouses? How many could live in one?
   Each longhouse was home to a clan. They could house 20 or more people.
9. What type of home did the Native Americans of the Southwest, especially the Hopi, build?

Pueblo

10. Where were the pueblos often built and what were they made of?
They were often built on the sides of large cliffs or inside caves. They were made from bricks made from adobe clay.

11. How were the pueblos kept strong?

Each year a new layer of clay was built on the walls.

12. How many stories could the pueblos have? How did they climb between the floor? How were the pueblos kept safe from intruders?

4 or 5 stories and they used ladders. At night they removed the ladders to keep out intruders.

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