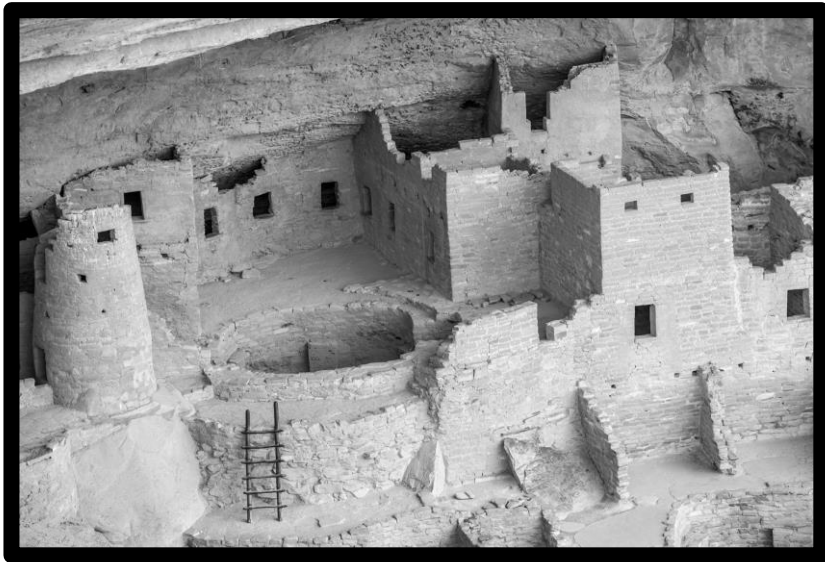




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Ancestral Puebloans (Anasazi)



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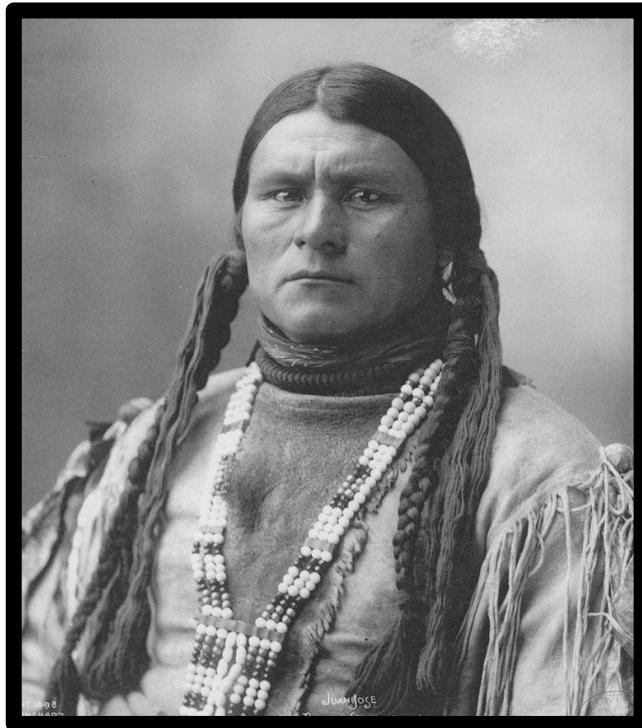
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The Ancestral Puebloans lived long, long ago in the Southwest. They were Native Americans.



The Navajo Indians called the Ancestral Puebloans "Anasazi". Anasazi meant "ancient enemies". Enemies are people who do not like each other.

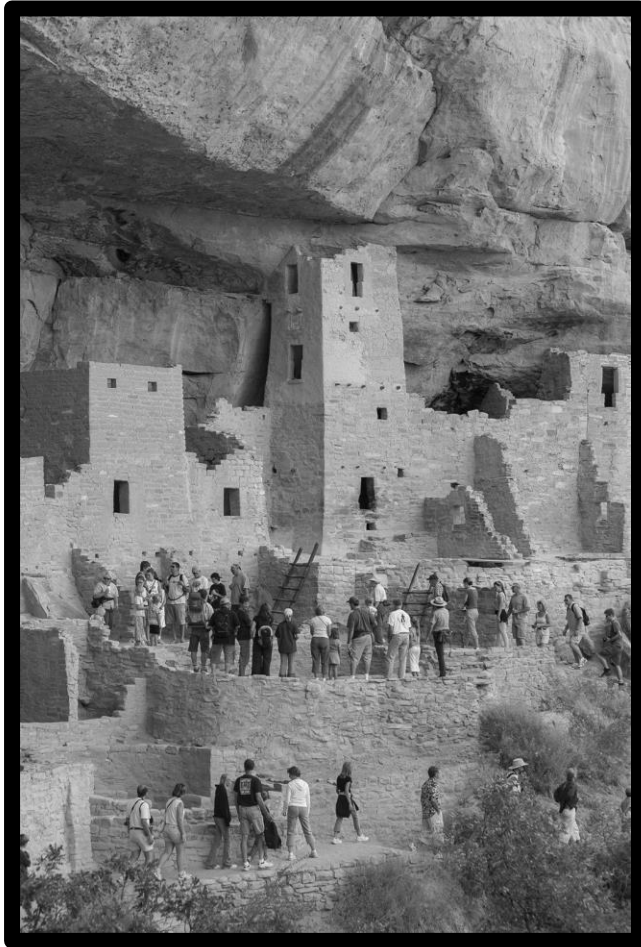


Pueblo Indian

The Pueblo Indians did not want their ancestors to be called "Anasazi". Their name was changed. It is now Ancestral Puebloans.



The Ancestral Puebloans lived near the **Four Corners**. The Four Corners is where Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico meet.

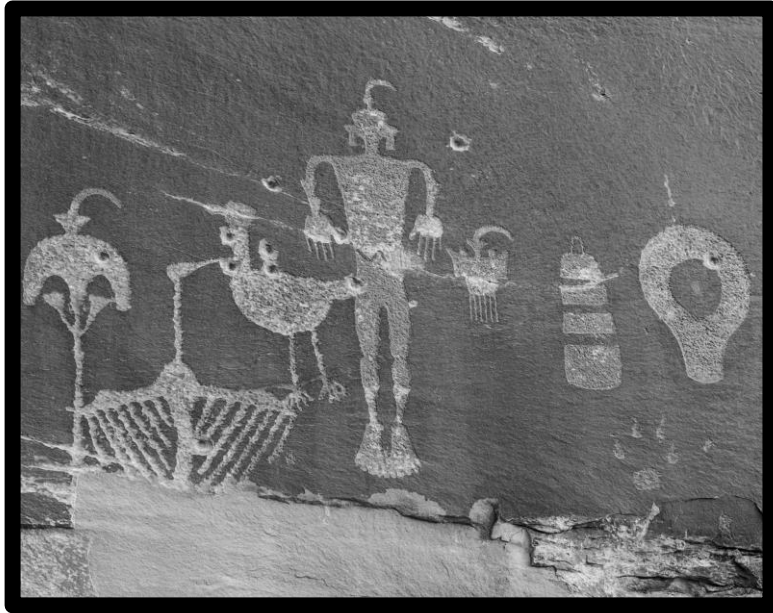


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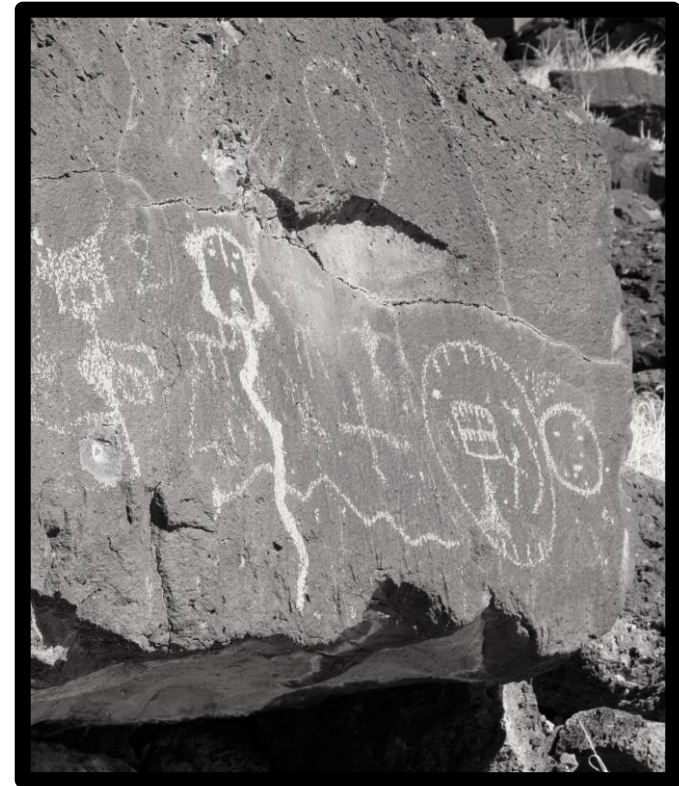
The Ancestral Puebloans lived in **cliff dwellings**. They were homes on the side of mountains.



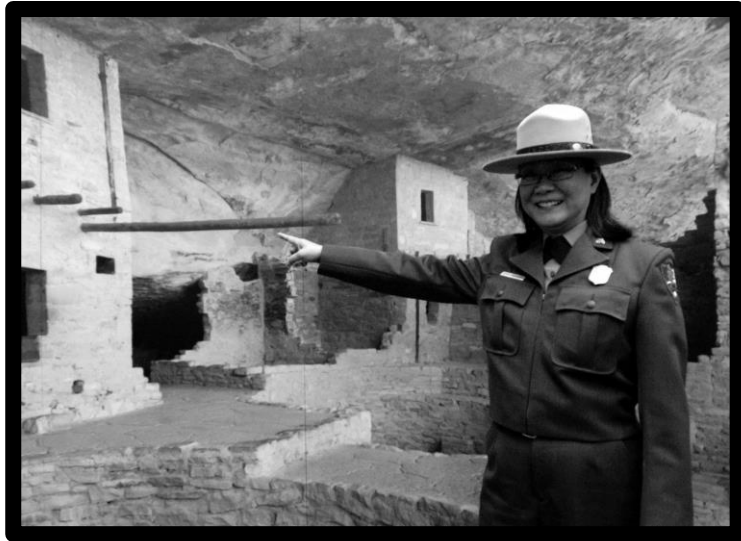
The homes were high on the side of a cliff. They used **ladders** to get into their houses. The ladders were like stairs.



The Ancestral Puebloans carved pictures in rocks. They are called petroglyphs. People are not sure exactly what the pictures mean.



They also **painted** pictures on rocks. They are called pictographs. Archeologists study the pictures. They want to know what they mean.



Tourists can visit **Mesa Verde National Park**. It is in Colorado. Park rangers show tourists the Ancestral Puebloans' homes, petroglyphs, and pictographs.



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