Native Americans

SS 4H1: The students will describe how early native American cultures developed in North America

http://www.bigorrin.org/nez_kids.htm
Where did the Hopi Live?

- The Hopi are natives of northwestern Arizona, where they and their ancestors have been living for thousands of years.

- Very Hot, dry desert climate where little trees grew. Not much water either.
How did the Hopi Survive?

- Hopi means peaceful people. They were expert farmers and artists. They made pottery.
- They are among the oldest Indians groups in the Southwest.
- They grew beans, squash and corn. Corn was their most important crop.
- They grew yellow, blue, red, white and purple corn.
- They grew enough for the year.
Hopi grew crops to Survive

- Hopi Indians had to find ways to make sure their crops grew.
- They used an irrigation system.
- Some dug long narrow ditches from the rivers to their fields.
- They planted their corn deep in the ground so the roots would get the water from the earth.
- They also planted their crops in areas that flooded in the Spring.
What did the Hopi use for Shelter?

Adobe houses: which are multi-story house complexes made of adobe (clay and straw baked into hard bricks) and stone. Each adobe unit was home to one family.

Hopi people used ladders to reach the upstairs apartments. A Hopi adobe house can contain dozens of units and was often home to an entire extended clan. Here are some pictures of Hopi adobe homes and other Indian houses. http://www.native-languages.org/houses.htm
Adobe houses are good homes to build in a warm, dry climate where adobe can be easily mixed and dried. These are homes for farming people who have no need to move their village to a new location. In fact, some Pueblo people have been living in the same adobe house complex, such as Sky City, for dozens of generations.
What is the Hopi Clothing Like?

- Originally, Hopi men didn't wear much clothing-- only breechcloths or short kilts (men's skirts). Hopi women wore knee-length cotton dresses called mantas. A manta fastened at a woman's right shoulder, leaving her left shoulder bare.

- Men and women both wore deerskin moccasins on their feet. For dances and special occasions, women painted their moccasins white and wrapped white strips of deerskin around their shins as leggings. Here is a site with sketches of Navajo and Hopi clothing styles, and some photos and links about Indian clothing in general.
How did the Hopi Travel?

- Walked
- Dog Sled - Travois
- Horses
Thinking Question....
Based on how the Hopi survive....Do you think they had Permanent Villages or did they move to find food?