

Lesson 1105: Turquoise in the Southwest

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Learning Objective	Discussion Prompts	Lesson Activities	Vocabulary
<p>Students will learn about the history and importance of turquoise in the Southwest United States.</p>	<p>How do you become an expert in turquoise? What knowledge, skills, and training might you need and why?</p> <p>What did you learn about turquoise mining from the video? What are the benefits of being a turquoise miner? Why or why not? Support your reasoning.</p> <p>In your opinion, why has turquoise been precious to Native American tribes. What does the color signify and why is it important to them?</p>	<p>Select one of the places mentioned in this video (Albuquerque, Bisbee, Tucson) and create a visitor's guide. Tell where visitors might find turquoise and share highlights of the place.</p> <p>You are a tour guide at the Arizona State Museum and have been asked to give a tour of the turquoise displayed at the museum to a small group of important visitors who do not live in the area. Create a speech with five facts about turquoise in the Southwest.</p>	<p>adorning</p> <p>cache</p> <p>coiled</p> <p>crave</p> <p>emblem</p> <p>millennia</p> <p>prospecting</p> <p>repository</p> <p>sequential</p> <p>trove</p>
<p>Social Studies Standard</p>		<p>Research the mining industry in Bisbee including the Lavender Pit. Create a flow chart that shows the steps of how miners make turquoise.</p>	
<p>People, Places & Environments:</p> <p>G, K</p>	<p>If you were selected to be the artist-in-resident, what would you want to make out of turquoise and why? What would your art symbolize?</p>	<p>You are a turquoise collector and would like to showcase your products. Create a display that includes at least five different products made from turquoise. Provide background information for each product including how it's made and what makes it special.</p>	

For millennia, turquoise has been the gemstone of choice for jewelers of the Southwest, a tradition that continues, even as the sources dwindle.