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Study Sheet: Native American Art

Describe the general characteristics of Mimbres bowls:	What was the main purpose or function of Mimbres bowls?	
Each is decorated in its own style, usually with geometric or figural patterns.	Each bowl had a hole in the bottom, which was possibly made to allow the spirit of the deceased to escape to the afterlife.	
What are <i>kachinas</i> ?	Who built Mesa Verde?	
<i>Kachinas</i> are supernatural spirits that appear in the form of animals and other natural elements such as trees, water, mountains, and even weather. The deceased also join the realm of the <i>kachinas</i> .	Mesa Verde was built by the Ancestral Pueblo of the Southwest.	
How were <i>kachinas</i> represented in art?	Describe the architecture of Mesa Verde:	
<i>Kachinas</i> were represented in murals, paintings, and most notably, in dolls.	Its buildings blend into nature, reflecting the balance of the physical world with the spiritual world. It was decorated with painted murals and other types of rock art.	
What were the two main types of art from the Pacific Northwest?		
	Totem poles	Masks
Describe each style of artwork	-Made from tree trunks -Often portray animals or legendary figures -Depict stories, notable events, or family lineages	-Highly stylized, used in ritual performances or festivals -Called animal spirits when worn
Are there any similarities between the two?	Both totem poles and masks were three-dimensional artworks, yet their decorations were usually conceived in two dimensions and then "wrapped" around the objects. Their decoration was usually very stylized, with exaggerated figures and no sense of proportion or realism.	
What primary factor affected the art of the Plains Native Americans?	What is the most common decorative art found among the Plains Native Americans?	
Since they led a nomadic or wandering lifestyle, they had to create art that was portable.	The most common artistic items included decorated clothing and headdresses.	