

# Butler Wash Cliff Dwellings

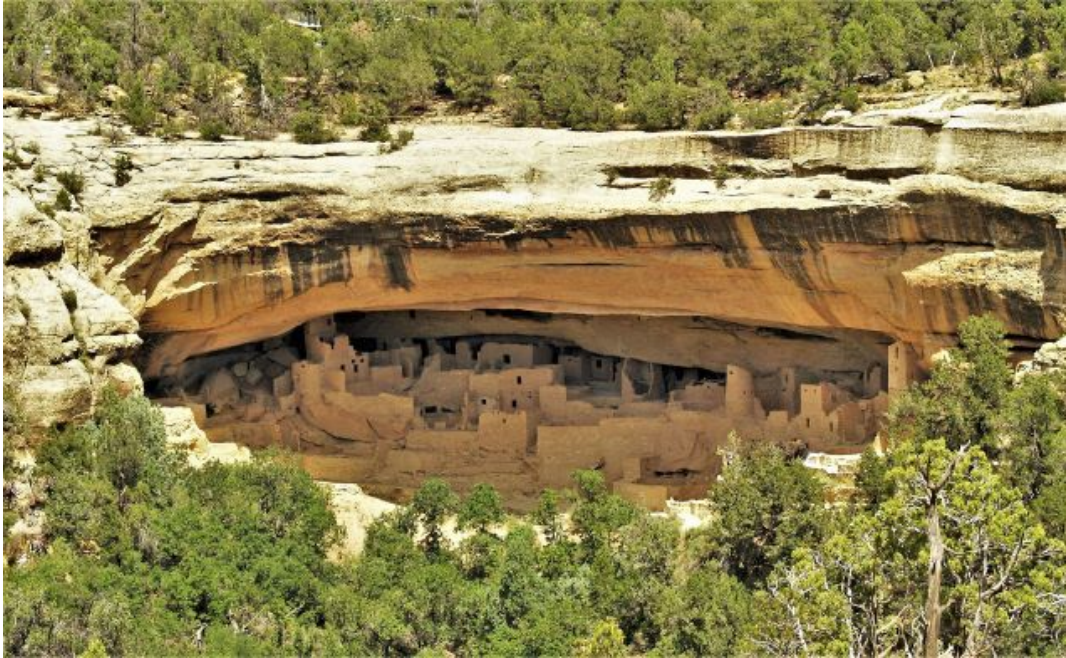


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**Prompt:** Butler Wash Ruins are cliff dwellings that were built and occupied by the ancestral Pueblo about 1200 CE. The structures here represent the full range of ancestral Pueblo daily activities: habitation, farming, ceremonial, hunting, storage, and tool making. Whether due to drought, overpopulation, eroding resources, or warring neighbors, the village was abandoned before 1300 CE.

1. In groups of 2-3, brainstorm a list of 8-12 questions about the image. Use these question starts to help you think of interesting questions:

Why...?

What are the reasons...?

What if...?

What is the purpose of...?

How would it be different if...?

Suppose that...?

What if we knew...?

What would change if...?

2. As a group, review your list and star 2-3 questions that seem most interesting. Then, select one or more of the starred questions to discuss with the class.
3. Reflect: What new ideas or questions do you have about the topic, concept, or object that you didn't have before?