

Arizona Centennial Project Suggestions:

Art Projects:

1. Make an Arizona quilt by doing crayon drawings on fabric of events from Arizona's history and sewing them together.
2. Create an Arizona history picture book.
3. Create an Arizona history timeline.
4. Research early Native American Arts and create something used by the early Arizona cultures (pottery, weaving, beads, etc.).
5. Research early Arizona settlers and create and dress a doll to look like a settler.
6. Draw a mural of the Grand Canyon.
7. Make a diorama of the Arizona desert and label the plants and animals.
8. Create a diorama of an incident in Arizona history.
9. Make a model of the first Arizona capital building or of an early Native American dwelling.
10. Draw a picture showing the Arizona state flag, bird, flower, tree, etc.
11. Take photos of the desert and make a poster that labels the flora and fauna.



Writing Projects:

1. Write a story from the point of view of an early Arizona settler.
2. Pretend you are a doll carried by the child of an early settler and write a story about traveling to Arizona by covered wagon from the doll's perspective.
3. Pretend you are living in the 1860's and you have just settled in the Arizona Territory. Write a letter to a relative living back east, describing what it's like in this new land that you're living in.
4. Write a story from the point of view of a Native American who encounters white settlers in Arizona.
5. Write a story about a day in the life of an early Native American child living in Arizona.
6. Write a story from the point of view of one of the observers at the shoot-out at the OK Corral.
7. Become a reporter from 1935 and write a newspaper story about President Roosevelt's dedication of Hoover Dam.
8. Pretend you are a reporter from 1886 and write a newspaper story about the surrender of the Apache Chief Geronimo to General Charles B. Gatewood.
9. Write a report about Arizona's 5 C's (copper, cattle, cotton, climate, and citrus).

Map Projects:

1. Create and label a map of the settlers' route from the east coast to Arizona.
2. Create and label a 3-dimensional map of the state of Arizona.
3. Create and label a map of the Grand Canyon.
4. Create a map that shows the exploration route taken by John Wesley Powell as he explored the Colorado River.
5. Create a map that shows the route taken by Francisco Coronado who explored the territory of Arizona in the mid-1500's.
6. Create a map that shows the route of the first railroad through Arizona.
7. Create a map that shows the canals developed by Native Americans in Arizona.

8. Create a map that shows where the early Native American cultures of Arizona lived including the following prehistoric cultures: **Anasazi , Hohokam, Mogollon, Patayan, and Sinagua.**
9. Create and label a map of historical landmarks in Arizona including Navajo National Monument, Tuzigoot National Monument, Tumacacori National Historical Park, Casa Grande Ruins, Snaketown, Canyon de Chelly and others.

History Projects:

1. Write a report about the Civil War battle that took place in Arizona.
2. Write a report about the first governor of the state of Arizona – George P. Hunt.
3. Write a report about discovery of gold in Arizona and how it influenced growth in the state.
4. Write a report about the importance that the cattle industry has played in Arizona.
5. Write a report about the mining industry in Arizona.
6. Write a report about the indigenous wildlife in Arizona.
7. Write a report about the indigenous plant-life in Arizona.
8. Write a report about the author Zane Grey, who lived in Arizona.
9. Write a report about Barry Goldwater, who was a Senator from Arizona.
10. Write a report about architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, and the work he did in Arizona.
11. Write a biography of a famous person in Arizona’s history that you’re interested in finding out more about.
12. Become a famous person from Arizona’s history. Write at least ten questions that you can answer about this person. Make a poster to show important milestones in this person’s life. Dress up like this person for Arizona Night and be ready to answer questions!

Current Events Projects:

1. Write a report about the Keating Five Incident.
2. Write a report about a recent governor of Arizona.
3. Write a report about the Don Bolles incident.
4. Write a report about the Gabby Giffords incident.
5. Write a report about Sheriff Joe Arpaio.
6. Write a report about the Diamondbacks – the first professional baseball team in Arizona.
7. Write a report about Cesar Chavez, the famous Latino civil rights activist.
8. Interview a well-known Arizonan and write about what you learn.

Project Idea Websites:

1. http://www.arizonahistoricalociety.org/education/kids_only/default.asp
2. <http://azmemory.lib.az.us/>
3. http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/kids/five_Cs.htm
4. <http://www.az100years.org/>
5. <http://www.azcentral.com/centennial/>
6. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_National_Historic_Landmarks_in_Arizona
7. <http://phoenix.about.com/od/phoenixfactsandfiction/a/Arizona-Centennial.htm>
8. <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108181.html>