



# *The* ***Las Vegas Tourist Guides Guild***

## **Takeaways - Native Americans, Spanish Trail, Explorers**

Know who inhabited the “Lost City” near the Valley of Fire, when they were there and when they “disappeared.”

Know which group of Natives followed them.

Know how these groups lived and some of the differences between them.

Know what “pah” in an Indian word (and hence a local place name) means.

Be able to name the tribes that currently inhabit the areas surrounding Las Vegas. What are some of the traditional and current customs of these different tribes? Where and in what ways might tourists interact with these tribes today?

Geography knowledge is important when studying Native Americans, the Spanish Trail, explorers, and pioneers. Study maps and get your bearings on regional places and routes across, through, and around Las Vegas, Nevada, and the West. The history of the region is tied to that of the West, which of course is tied to Western history...Everything is connected - politics, religion, trade... No pressure...but try to keep in mind that the big picture is there behind the little pictures.

Have a working knowledge of the Spanish Trail: its route(s), why it was created and used, by whom, and when.

Know who and when the first explorers (Spanish Missionaries and trappers) came through the Las Vegas area.

Know who and when is credited as being the first Westerner to record seeing the Las Vegas basin.

Know who the people are that the east-west downtown Las Vegas streets are named for (just studying these will give you a huge amount of knowledge about the history of the west - and LV):

- Stewart
- Ogden
- Fremont
- Carson
- Bridger
- Lewis
- Clark
- Bonneville
- Garces
- Gass

Know why John C. Fremont had such a big influence on the history of Las Vegas.

Be able to label those downtown streets on a map.



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Here are a few reference pages for Anasazi info in the Southwest:

[http://www.amwest-travel.com/awt\\_anasaziguide.html](http://www.amwest-travel.com/awt_anasaziguide.html)

<http://www.amwest-travel.com/anasaziguide-colorado-utah.html>

This has very good info about the early settlement (especially Mormons) of Southeast Nevada:

[www.donch.com/T9l/senev.htm](http://www.donch.com/T9l/senev.htm)

See this map: [http://en.wikipedia.com/wiki/File:U.S.\\_Territorial\\_Acquisitions.png](http://en.wikipedia.com/wiki/File:U.S._Territorial_Acquisitions.png)



This site is a good resource: <http://mojavedesert.net/history/>





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This is a good regional map showing rivers and more:

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Colorodrivermapnew1.jpg>

