COMPARE AND CONTRAST NATIVE CULTURES

Choose a tribe either from the Southwest region, close to where Paiutes live or from farther away. (Check off which). Then fill in the information for that tribe on the grid. Use what is already filled in for the Paiutes as an example. What can you say about the two cultures. What is the same? What is different? Can you figure the reasons why?

	PAIUTES	SOUTHWEST TRIBENOT SOUTHWEST TRIBE
TRIBE NAME	SOUTHERN PAIUTES	
LOCATION	Southwestern United States, where Colorado Plateau and Great Basin meet. Southern Utah, southern Nevada, Arizona above the Grand Canyon and Mojave Desert in California	
TERRAIN	High Desert and desert. Rocky. Sandy.	
SUMMER WEATHER	Temperatures above 100°F in valleys.	
WINTER WEATHER	Temperatures from 40-60°F in valleys	
HOMES	In Summer, lived atop mesas and in higher elevations in wikiups, homes made of willough branches arched and covered with brush. In summers lived on valley floors in wikiups or caves.	

FOOD	Pine nuts was primary food. Rice grass was another staple which was cooked into a porridge. Fruit of prickly pear cactus, agave, and century plant, seedpods from mesquite and other trees, berries, roots from Joshua trees and tule. They farmed and irrigated small gardens which grew corn and gourds. They also ate bird's eggs as well as lizards and small mammals. They hunted rabbits for meat although they also hunted deer and elk.	
MIGRATION	Their migration was very close to home. They changed elevation in search of food and more pleasant weather	
TOOLS	Bows from locust with strings from the yucca plant. Obsidian arrow points. Bone awls and other tools. Wooden tools.	
POTTERY	Pottery was useful although some of it was nicely decorated in geometric patterns mostly in black and white.	
BASKETS	Very tightly woven baskets that could hold water. Gathering baskets were pointed and had shoulder straps for wearing on back. Shallow baskets for winnowing and processing pine nuts and rice grass.	
CHOOSE A LEGEND	The Coyote and the Legend of the Hoodoos	
What did the legend explain?	How geologic formation was made.	