

THE INDIAN YEARS

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Rock Art

Indian Life in Texas

Indian life in Texas began thousands of years ago. The early Indians lived by hunting animals and gathering wild plants for food. The Indians made spear points of stone for hunting. Some of the animals that the first Texans hunted cannot be found here today. One of these is the mammoth. The mammoth was an animal that looked like a large, woolly elephant. Now the mammoth is extinct, like dinosaurs and other animals of long ago.

For thousands of years, the Indians of Texas lived in much the same way. The animals that they hunted changed. The kinds of tools that they made changed. But the Indians still hunted animals and gathered wild plants. They still made spear and dart points of stone. They moved about from place to place to find food.

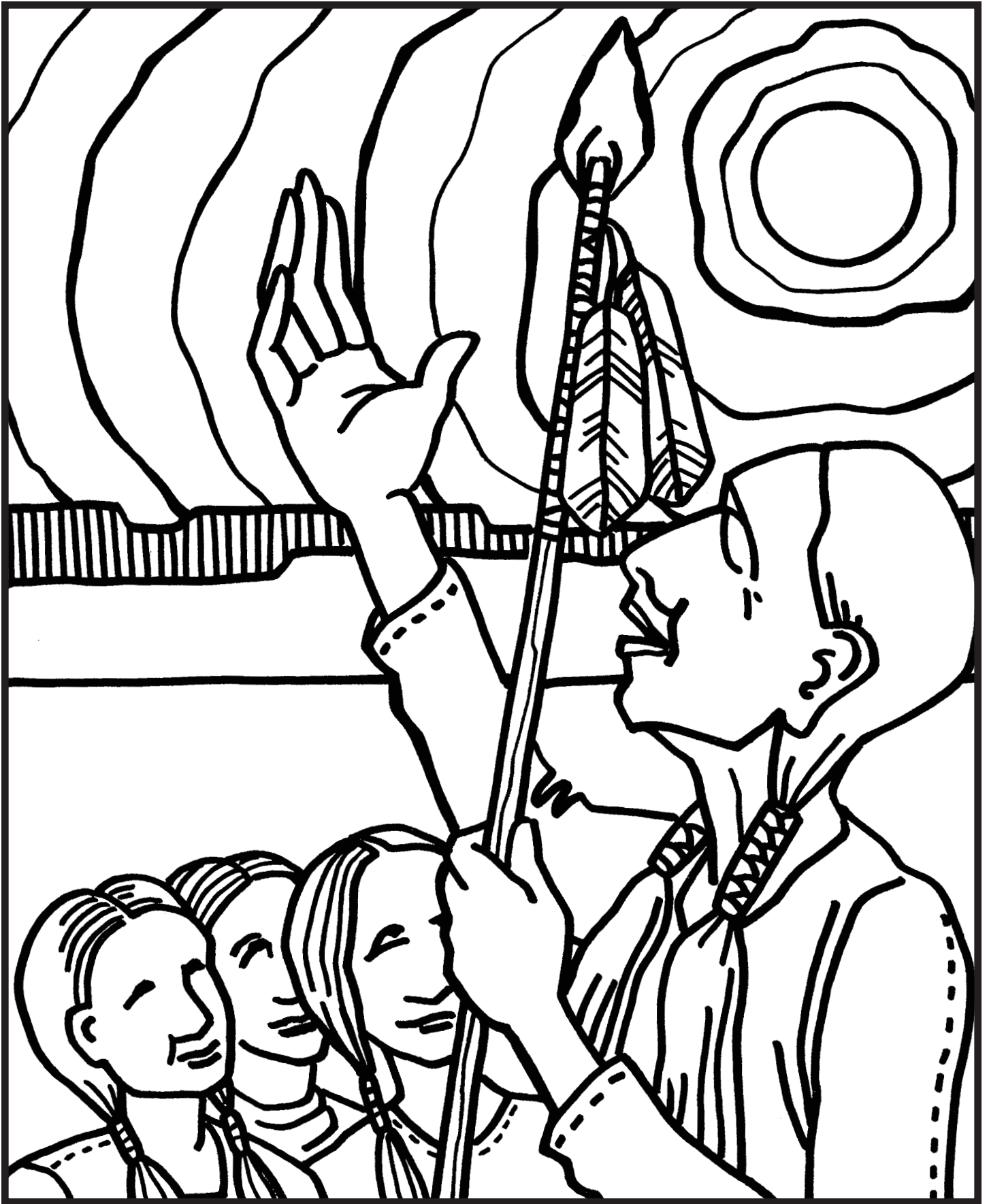
About 2,500 years ago, some Texas Indians learned to plant corn. The farmers began to stay in one place instead of moving around to find food, They began to live in villages. They learned how to make pots from clay. And they had new tools, the bow and arrow. Soon, all Indian groups began to use the bow and arrow instead of the spears that the earlier Indians had used.

None of these Indians had a written language. They passed their history on by telling stories. They also left paintings, called rock art, in caves. The time when they lived, before written history, is called prehistory. The stone tools and other things the Indians left behind are the only clues to prehistory. Scientists called archeologists study these clues to learn about the Indians of long ago.

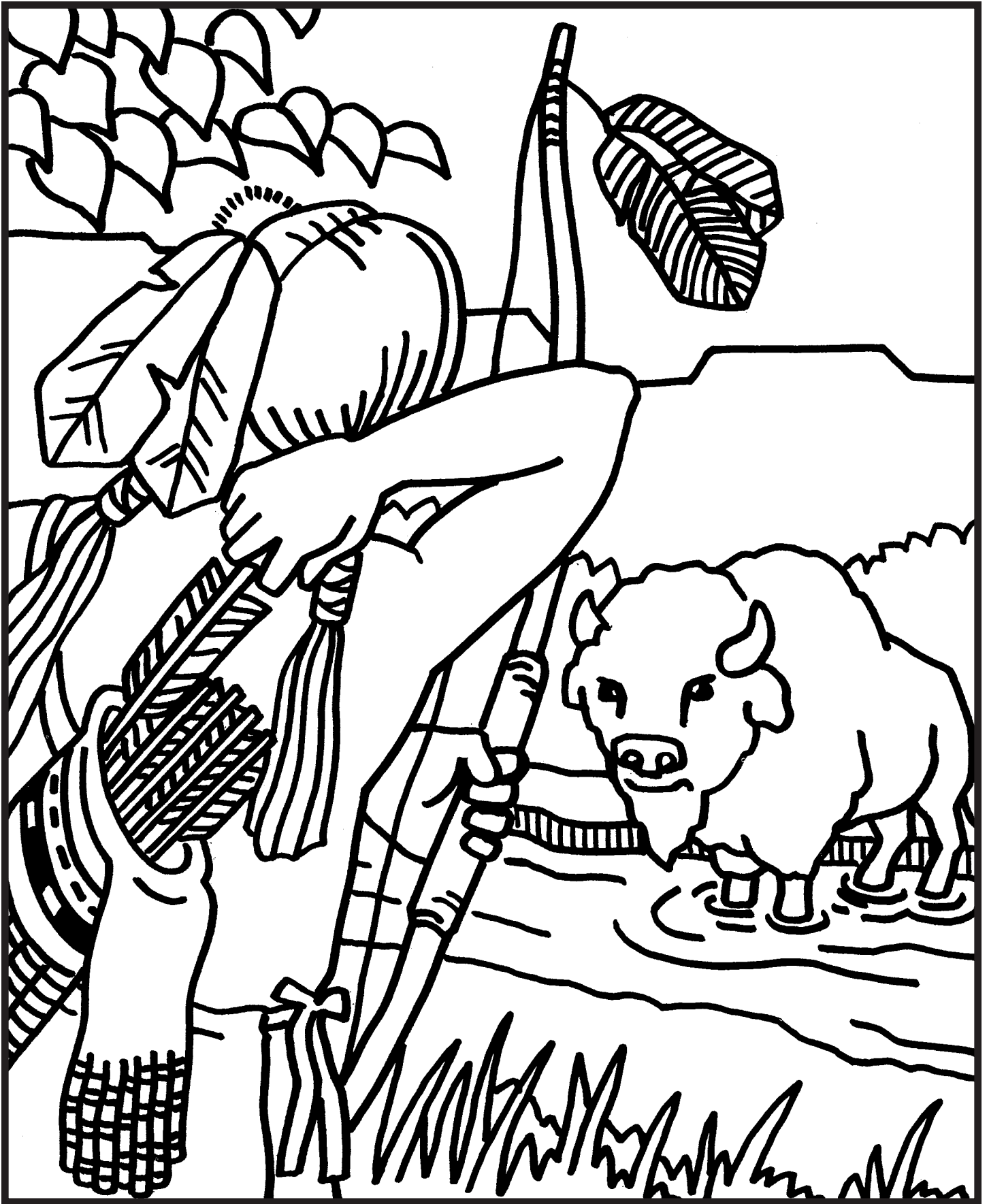
Spanish explorers came to the New World 500 years ago; written history, or the historic period, began when they arrived. An explorer named Coronado came north from Mexico to Texas in 1542. Other explorers soon followed. Later, settlers came to Texas from other parts of America. Many Indians were pushed out of the lands of their ancestors. None of the Indians who were here before Coronado still lives in Texas today. All of the Indians who now live in Texas came here during the historic period.



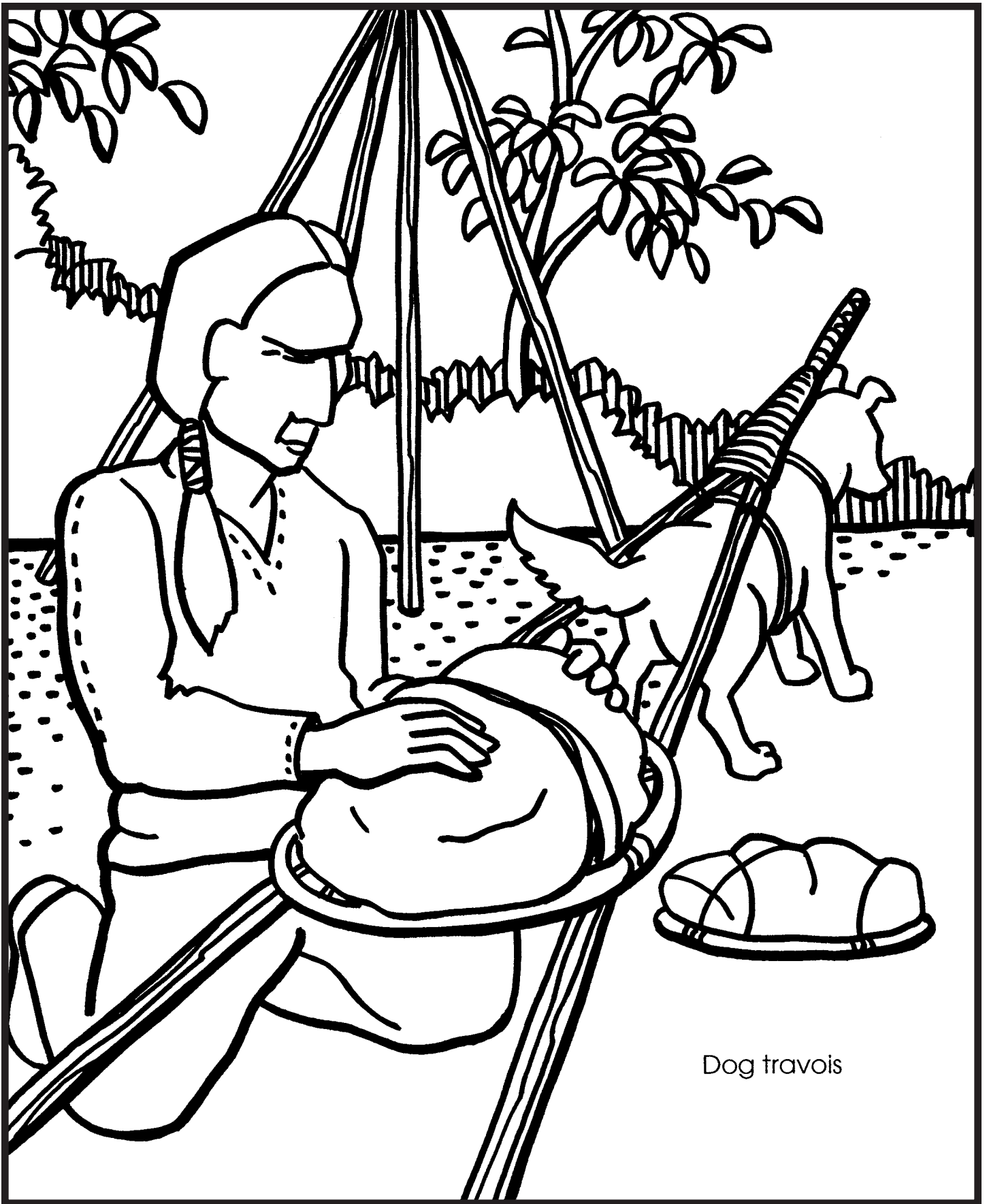
Making Baskets



Story Telling Time

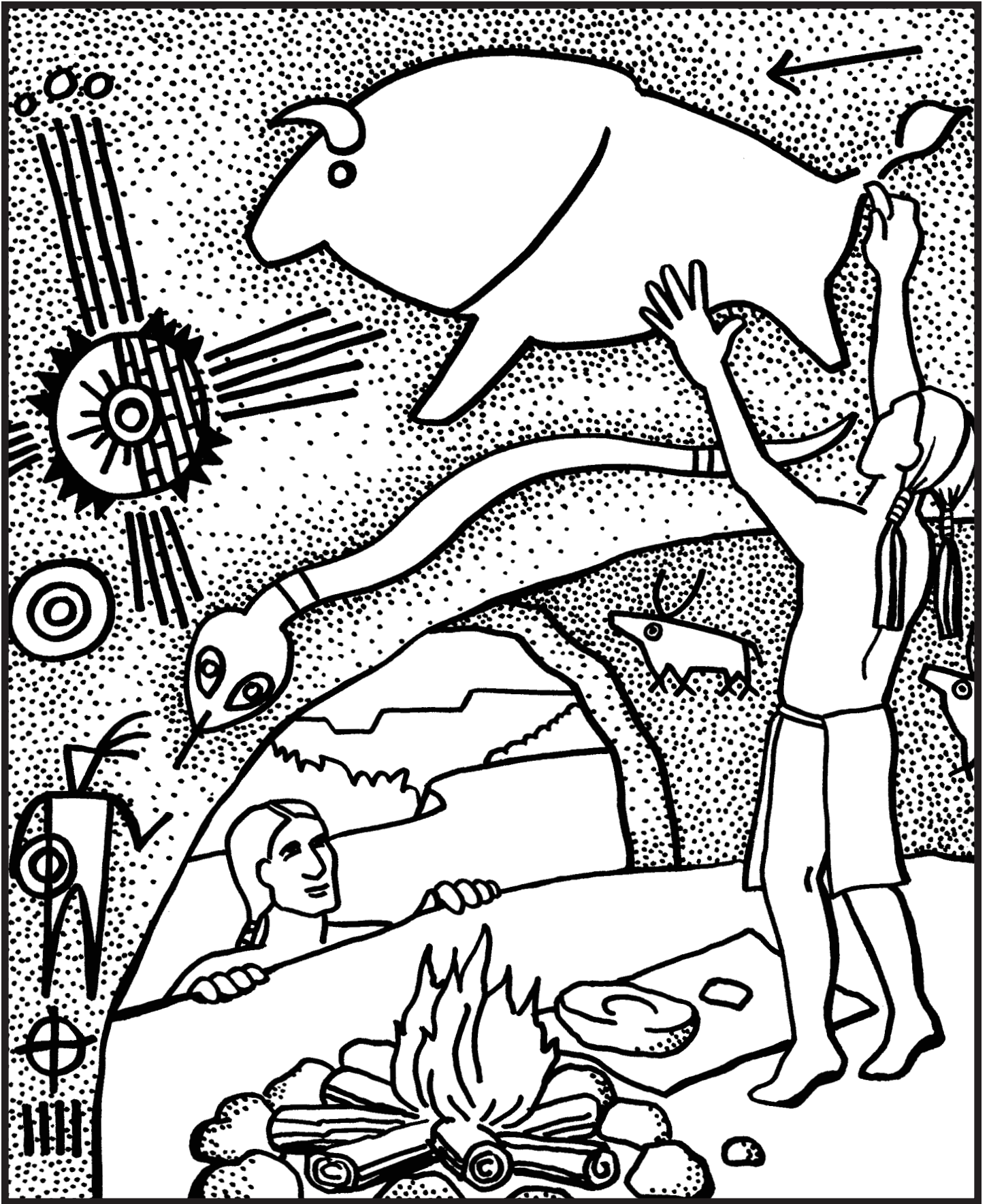


Hunting with Bow and Arrow

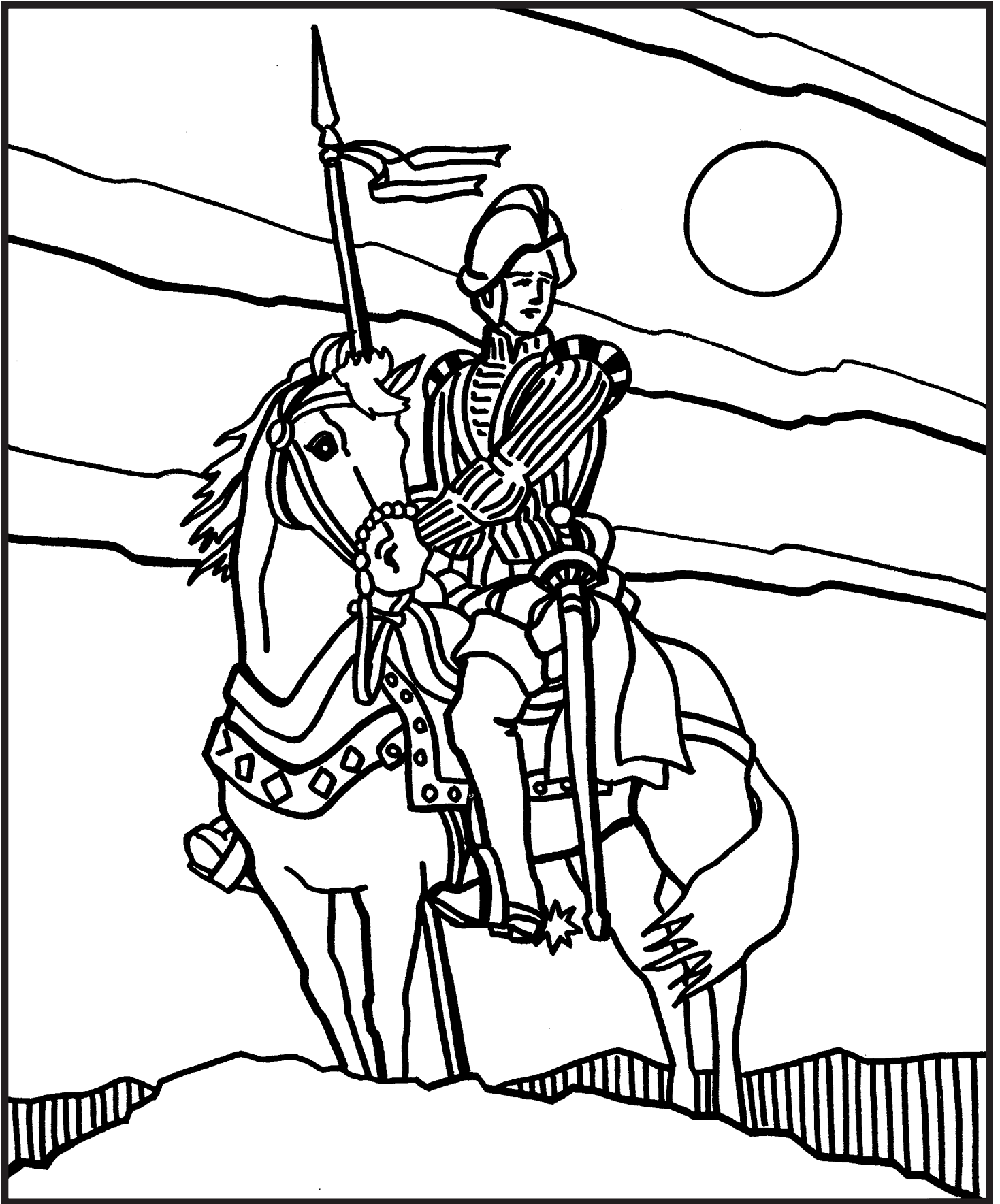


Dog travois

Packing to Move



Cave Painting



A Spanish Explorer