

# Horses of the North American West

## Word Search

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Matrix

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Reins

Saddle Horn

Stratigraphy

Trailing Rope

## **Word Search Vocabulary**

### **Archaeology**

The study of human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artifacts and other physical remains.

### **Matrix**

The physical material (often dirt) in which archaeological objects are located. Surrounding medium or structure.

### **Excavation**

The digging up and recording of archaeological sites, including uncovering and recording the provenience, context, and three-dimensional location of archaeological finds.

### **Artifact**

Any object made, modified, or used by people.

### **Classification**

A systematic arrangement in groups or categories according to criteria.

### **In situ**

In the original place.



## **Prehistoric**

The period of time before written records; the absolute date for the prehistoric period varies from place to place.

## **Stratigraphy**

The layering of deposits in archaeological sites. Cultural remains and natural sediments become buried over time, forming strata.

## **Bit**

A piece of metal or material that fits in a horse's mouth and aids in the communication between the horse and rider.

## **Port**

An inverted "U" in the middle of the mouthpiece on some bits to apply pressure to the roof of a horse's mouth when the reins are pulled.

## **Curb bit**

A type of bit used for riding horses that uses lever action.

## **Girth (sometimes called a cinch) (Western riding)**

A piece of equipment used to keep the saddle in place on a horse or other animal.

## **Saddle horn**

A hornlike extension of the upward curving or projecting part of a saddle in front of the rider on a saddle.

## **Reins**

A long, narrow strap attached at one end to a horse's bit, typically used in pairs to guide or check a horse while riding or driving.

## **Trailing rope**

A long rope used for remounting the horse if dismounted or unhorsed at high speed.

