The Mohave

The Mohave Indians were another group in California’s southeastern desert region. They settled near the Colorado River. Every year, the river flooded and left soft mud on the riverbanks. In this rich soil, the Mohave were able to plant crops such as pumpkins, corn, and beans.

Other California Indian groups in the desert region planted crops, too. Like the Mohave, the Quechan depended on flooding rivers to plant corn, beans, and squash. The Cahuilla (ka HWEE ya) dug deep wells to get water for crops.

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**MAP SKILL** Did the Mohave live northeast or southeast of the Kawaiisu?