

Geronimo



Geronimo was born around 1829 in Arizona. He was an Apache Chief, known for being aggressive and courageous. He trained to be a hunter and a warrior when he was young. His training meant that he was able to live off the land and survive in the wild on his own.

Geronimo became an Apache warrior when he was 17 years old. He got married and had 3 children. Sadly, some years later, some Mexican soldiers killed Geronimo's wife, mother and all of his children. This tragic event led Geronimo to spend his life fighting to protect his people and his homeland. In order to seek revenge on the men who killed his family, Geronimo invaded many Mexican settlements, where he killed Mexican soldiers and stole their property.

Years later, American miners and settlers began to come to Apache land to look for gold and to settle there. The Apache tried their best to protect their land, and Geronimo's father-in-law even made a deal with the Americans. The deal was supposed to allow the Apache to keep some of their land and to live in peace. When Geronimo's father-in-law died, the Americans stopped taking notice of the deal, and they began to attempt to take over Apache land once again. This led to a lot of fighting and in the end, Geronimo and the Apache surrendered and were taken as prisoners of war.

Geronimo was thrown from his horse in 1909, when he was 79 years old. After this accident, he said to his nephew, 'I should have never surrendered. I should have fought until I was the last man alive.' He died shortly after this.