

23. Early craftworkers found ways to heat gold.
24. Gold items over four thousand years old have been found.
25. Currently, South Africa is the leading producer of gold.
26. Silver may be combined with gold to make jewelry.
27. The largest discovery of gold in the US in the twentieth century was ^{made} in Nevada.
28. The first gold rush in the US was in Georgia in 1828.
29. In 1849 came the famous California gold rush.
30. Was El Dorado, the legendary kingdom of gold, ever discovered?
31. Silko has written many poems, short stories, and novels.
32. The author was raised at Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico.
33. In the 1960s, she attended high school in Albuquerque.
34. Many of Silko's stories have been inspired by American Indian folk tales.
35. In her youth she heard these stories from other family members.
36. The Laguna Pueblos' reverence for nature is traditional.
37. One of Silko's poems is based on the Pueblos' respect for the bear.
38. In 1974 Silko published her first collection of poems.
39. I have read many of the poems in that collection.
40. Do you have a copy of her story "The Man to Send Rain Clouds"?
41. Popcorn, one of the oldest forms of corn, may be native to Central America.
42. American Indians were growing popcorn more than one thousand years ago.
43. Popcorn was used for decorations and for food.
44. Popcorn without oil or butter is low in calories.
45. Almost all of the world's popcorn is grown in the US.



