

# Stone Artifacts of Texas Indians: A Journey into the Past

The history of Texas is deeply intertwined with the lives of its indigenous inhabitants. From the Paleo-Indian period to the arrival of European settlers, the native peoples of Texas relied heavily on stone artifacts for their daily survival and cultural practices.

## Stone Tool Making in Texas

Stone tool making is an ancient craft that has been passed down through generations of Texas Indians. The earliest evidence of stone tool making in Texas dates back to the Paleo-Indian period, around 12,000 years ago. These early tools were made from locally available materials, such as chert, flint, and quartzite. As time passed, Texas Indians developed more sophisticated stone tool making techniques, including pressure flaking and grinding.



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## Types of Stone Artifacts

Texas Indians created a wide variety of stone artifacts, each with its own unique purpose. Some of the most common types of stone artifacts include:

- **Spear Points:** Spear points were used for hunting and warfare. They were typically made from chert or flint, and were carefully shaped to create a sharp, pointed tip.
- **Arrowheads:** Arrowheads were used for hunting small game and for warfare. They were typically made from chert or flint, and were smaller and lighter than spear points.

li>Scrapers: Scrapers were used for a variety of tasks, such as scraping hides, preparing animal skins, and shaping wood. They were typically made from chert or flint, and had a sharp, rounded edge.

- **Tools:** Tools were used for a variety of tasks, such as cutting, chopping, and digging. They were typically made from chert or flint, and had a sharp, straight edge.

## **Stone Artifacts and Texas Indian Cultures**

Stone artifacts played a vital role in the lives of Texas Indians. They were used for hunting, gathering, food preparation, and warfare. Stone artifacts were also used for religious and ceremonial purposes. For example, some Texas Indian tribes used stone pipes for smoking tobacco during religious ceremonies.

The types of stone artifacts found in Texas vary depending on the region and time period. For example, the Paleo-Indian period is known for its distinctive Clovis and Folsom points. The Archaic period is known for its stemmed and notched points. The Woodland period is known for its large,

triangular points. And the Caddo period is known for its elaborate arrowheads and pottery.

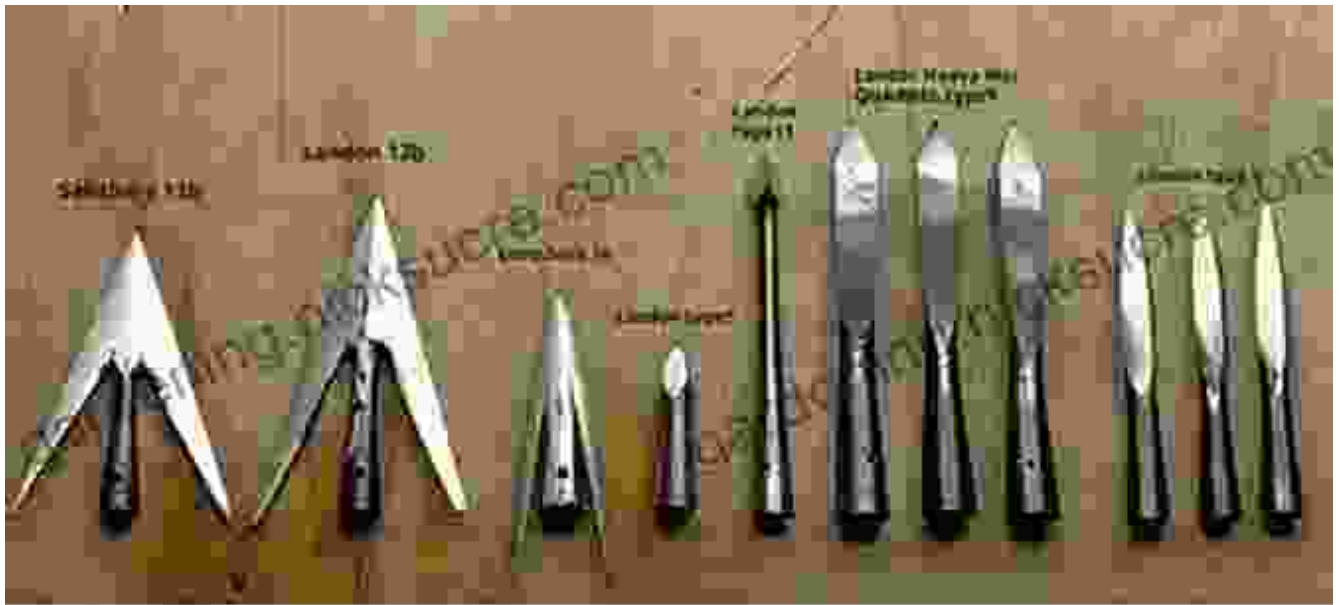
## **The Legacy of Stone Artifacts**

Stone artifacts continue to be an important part of Texas Indian culture today. Many Texas Indian tribes still use stone artifacts for traditional purposes, such as hunting and ceremonial practices. Stone artifacts are also popular collectibles, and can be found in museums and private collections around the world.

The stone artifacts of Texas Indians are a testament to the creativity and ingenuity of the people who made them. These artifacts provide a glimpse into the lives of our ancestors and help us to understand the deep history of Texas.

## **Image Gallery**





## COMMON TYPES OF ARROWHEADS





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Examples



Basal Notched

Examples



Contracting Stem

Examples



Corner Notched

Examples



Lanceolate

Example



Leaf



Side Notched



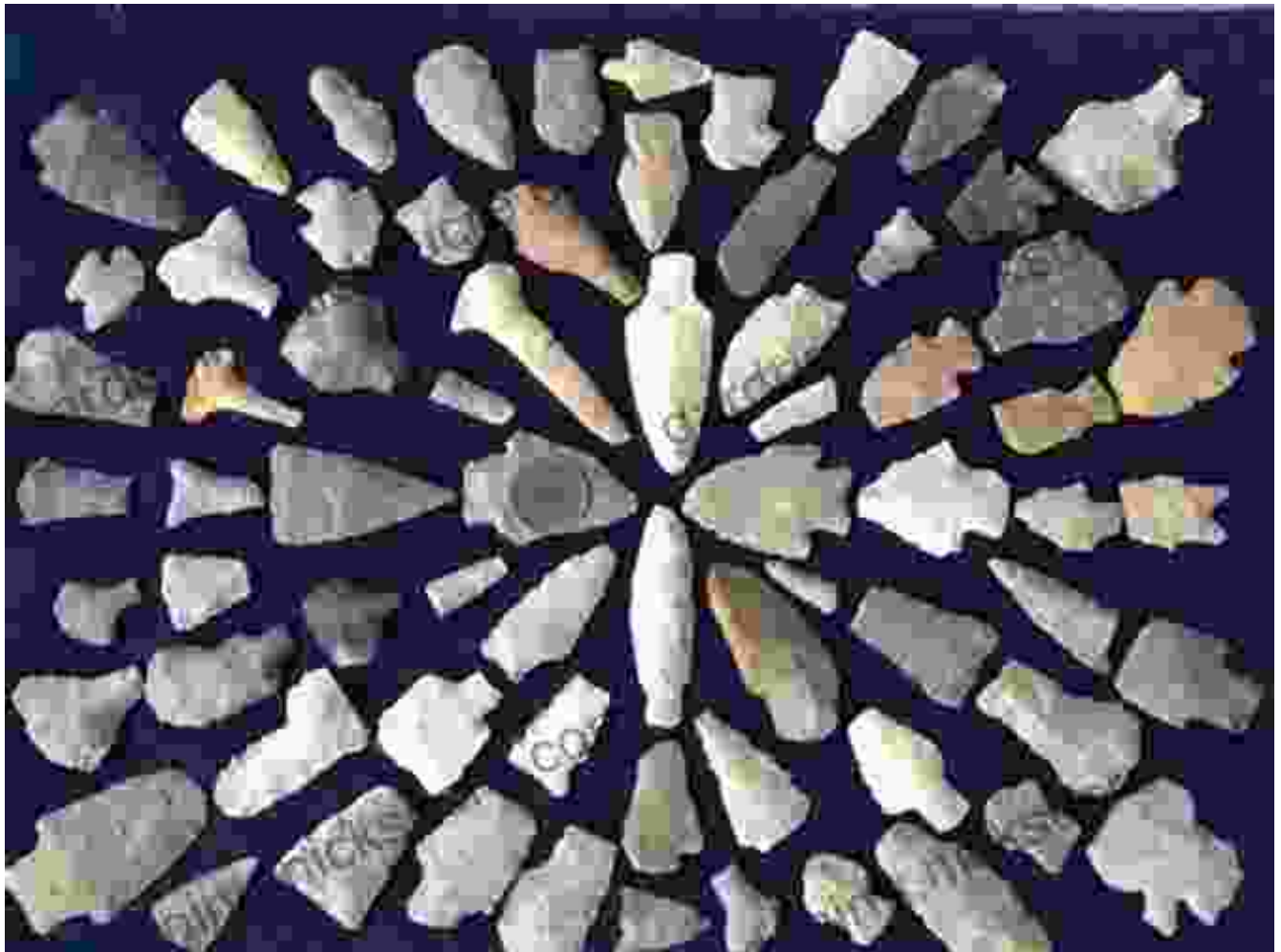
Notched (Expanding)



Stemmed



Triangular





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