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## Nez Perce Horses

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**Introduction:** The horse is an important part of Nez Perce culture. The Nez Perce continue to breed their own horses - a combination of the Appaloosa and Akelteke known as the Nez Perce horse.

They began breeding horses shortly after they acquired the horse around 1730, and became known as skillful breeders by gelding certain horses to increase selective breeding technique. They used their horses for traveling to the Great Plains, hunting buffalo, hauling trade items across the trail, and for general transportation and games. As many as 2000 horses went with the Nez Perce as they fled from the U.S. Army across the trail during the Flight of 1877.

**Directions:** Rearrange the puzzle pieces to make a horse. Glue your finished horse down on another piece of paper. Can you name three different breeds of horses?

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