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In order to survive the harsh conditions of the Wild West, the one place you must visit is Tombstone, Arizona. Also known as “The Town Too Tough To Die.” Before the city even existed, the U.S. Army Scouts feared the area, thanks to Indians killing three superintendents in the 1870’s. But that didn’t stop Ed Schieffelin, a scout for the U.S. Army, exploring the area for valuables, especially silver. Despite all of the warnings, Ed’s luck paid off when he found silver in Goose Flats and it wasn’t long before word spread about his findings. Soon prospectors, cowboys, homesteaders, lawyers, gunmen, and many more people flocked to the area, helping Schieffelin to create the town of Tombstone. Today, the historic district is still a favorite among Tombstone visitors as well as seeing one of the most famous Wild West towns around.

Come on down partner and explore Tombstone’s rich history in this folk art puzzle!

1. Ed Schieffelin founded Tombstone in 1877.
2. One of the famous lines from the movie, *Tombstone*, “I’m your huckleberry.”
3. When Ed’s friend Al Sieber learned that he was searching for silver, Al is quoted telling him, “The only rock you will find out there will be your own tombstone.”
4. When Schieffelin found the silver, it took him several more months to find the vein, which he estimated to be fifty feet long and twelve inches wide. Schieffelin’s legal mining claim was sited near Lenox’s gravesite. Remembering the words of warning from Al, he fittingly named his first mining claim spot Tombstone.
5. Tombstone City Hall was built in 1882 and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on February 1, 1972.
6. The Big Nose Kate’s Saloon was originally the Grand Hotel when it opened in 1881 and today stands as part of the Tombstone Historic District.
7. How do you spot a cowboy? “You can always spot a cowboy—they always wear those red shashes.”
8. The Bucket of Blood Saloon, or known today as the Longhorn Restaurant, was built in 1880 and is the oldest continually operated restaurant in Tombstone.
9. The O.K. Corral was the sight of the famous gunfight that took place on October 26, 1882. The gunfight was a 30-second shootout between lawmen and members of a loosely organized group of outlaws called the Cowboys. It’s generally regarded as the most famous shootout in the history of the American Wild West.
10. The Bird Cage Theatre operated from 1881 to 1894 and held the longest poker game in history, 8 years and 7 days. It was also the rowdiest place in town to be, and it’s said that respectable women didn’t even walk on the same side of the street the building was located on.
11. From outlaws to business men to housewives, Boothill Graveyard is the burial spot for those “who died with their boots on.” Once run down after the late 1880’s, Tombstone’s citizens decided to restore it in 1920.