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# The Painted Desert

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**Directions: Answer each question with a complete sentence.**

1. Where is the Painted Desert located?

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2. Why is it called "painted"?

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3. How many acres of land does it cover?

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4. How many miles long is the Painted Desert?

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5. Name two things you might see in the Painted Desert.

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6. What happened to some of the trees here?

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**ANSWER KEY**

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**The Painted Desert is located in Arizona.**

2. Why is it called "painted"?

**It is called painted because of its many colors.**

3. How many acres of land does it cover?

**The Painted Desert covers over 93,500 acres.**

4. How many miles long is the Painted Desert?

**The Desert is over 160 miles long.**

5. Name two things you might see in the painted desert.

**Two things in the Painted Desert are cliffs and hills.**

6. What happened to some of the trees here?

**Some of the trees turned to stone.**