

Resources for the Topic

Books with an * are highly recommended for use with this unit.

**All Around California* by Mir Tamin Ansary

Description: This book contains all kinds of fun and fascinating facts about the regions of California and their valuable resources. **Publisher:** Heinemann Library. **Year:** 2003. **Genre:** Non-fiction

Atlas of California by maps.com

Description: This atlas interacts with a unique online destination to further expand information associated with over 40 maps of California. Enter the Key Code at the bottom of each page to access the data. **Publisher:** maps.com. **Genre:** Reference.

Big Tree by Buff, Mary, and Conrad Buff

Description: The giant Sequoia, Wawona, is the hero of this story which describes his life from tiny seedling to towering 300 foot giant among trees. Always challenged by insects, animals, and fire, Wawona now must face his most difficult protagonist, man.

Publisher: Whole Spirit, **Year:** 2001, **ISBN:** 1892857022, **Genre:** Fiction

California by De Fabianis, Valeria Manfredi

Description: This book, filled with over 80 pages of full-color illustrations, captures the majestic beauty of California's vast terrain from mountains and deserts to valleys and seascapes. **Publisher:** Gallery, **Year:** 1990, **ISBN:** 0831711507, **Genre:** Nonfiction

California Atlas by Larry Williams, cartographer; Dr. Jerry Williams, Project Director

Description: This atlas contains a variety of maps dealing with various aspects of California's physical and cultural environment. Some of the maps have an historical focus; others deal with current economic topics. **Publisher:** California Geography Associates, **Year:** 2006, **ISBN:** 0979356902, **Genre:** Reference

California Here We Come! by Ryan, Pat Munoz

Description: This picture book takes the reader on an imaginary trip through California covering the regions of California with sidebars offering information on the history and geography of numerous historic sites. **Publisher:** Charlesbridge, **Year:** 1997, **ISBN:** 0881068802, **Genre:** Fiction

California: A History by Rolle, Andrew

Description: Considered the standard history of California, this book begins with California's early inhabitants and covers Spanish rule, Mexican control, American exploration and settlement, the Gold Rush, immigration, and statehood. More than one quarter of the text is devoted to the twentieth century, including current issues. It is a useful teacher's resource. **Publisher:** Harlan Davidson, **Year:** 1997, **ISBN:** 0882959387

Genre: Teacher Resource

California: From Sea to Shining Sea by Fradin, Dennis

Description: This is an introduction to the history, economy, and major events in California from ancient times until today. There are many full color pictures.

Publisher: Children's Press, **Year:** 1994, **ISBN:** 0516438050, **Genre:** Nonfiction

***Death Valley National Park* by Peterson, David**

Description: This True Book explores Death Valley through its geography, history, settlers, and visitors today. Learn about the Borax Boom and the steps it took to preserve Death Valley for people today. **Publisher:** Children's Press, **Year:** 1996, **ISBN:** 051626095, **Genre:** Nonfiction

***G is for Golden: A California Alphabet* by Domeniconi, David**

Description: Domeniconi uses the alphabet as a tool to overview California history and geography. From Ishi to Yosemite, each well-illustrated page introduces a uniquely California event, person, or location. **Publisher:** Sleeping Bear Press, **Year:** 2002, **ISBN:** 1585360457, **Genre:** Nonfiction

***Geography From A to Z* by Knowlton, Jack**

Description: The 63 illustrated entries describe in clear, concise terms the earth's features and physical geography from the highest mountain peak to the lowest desert. **Publisher:** Harper Trophy, **Year:** 1997, **ISBN:** 0064460991, **Genre:** Nonfiction

***Heartland* by Siebert, Diane**

Description: Told in the same style as Mojave and Sierra, this book, although about the mid-west, evokes images of the land, crops, people, and animals of the Central Valley of California. **Publisher:** Crowell, **Year:** 1989, **ISBN:** 0690047304, **Genre:** Poetry

***Historical Atlas of California* by Beck, Warren and Ynez Haase**

Description: This is a valuable reference resource for fourth grade classrooms. **Publisher:** University of Oklahoma Press, **Year:** 1975, **ISBN:** 0806112123, **Genre:** Reference, **Pages:** 202

***Learning About California* by Peter J. Ketchum**

Description: This student workbook has worksheets useful for teachers who wish to adapt the ideas and use them as a supplement to unit activities. **Publisher:** Hayes School Publishing, **Year:** 2003, **ISBN:** 0883139987 **Genre:** Student workbook

***Maps and Mapping* by Taylor, Barbara**

Description: This book explains what maps are and why they are used, introduces map symbols, and describes how cartographers map the world. **Publisher:** Kingfisher Books **Year:** 1993, **ISBN:** 1856976289, **Genre:** Nonfiction

***Mojave* by Siebert, Diane**

Description: Beautiful illustrations capture the beauty of the land, climate, and inhabitants of the Mojave Desert. **Publisher:** Harper Collins, **Year:** 1992, **ISBN:** 0064432831, **Genre:** Poetry

***Paintings of California* by Skolnick, Arnold**

Description: The more than ninety landscapes, seascapes, and cityscapes in this book are a revealing depiction not just of the changing topography, but of the creation and persistence of the myth of the American dream represented by California. **Publisher:** University of California Press, **Year:** 1997, **ISBN:** 0520212525, **Genre:** Art

***Sierra* by Siebert, Diane**

Description: This is a pictorial description of the landscape as seen from the perspective of the Sierra Mountains. It chronicles history from its geological birth, through the ice ages to the present. **Publisher:** Harper Trophy, **Year:** 1996, **ISBN:** 0064434419, **Genre:** Poetry

Song of the Ancient Forest by **Luenn, Nancy**

Description: The Raven warns about the destruction of the ancient forests from the time of the American Indian to present-day loggers, but no one listens except a little boy. This is a great book to look at opportunity costs, but it is not from an authentic Native perspective. **Publisher:** Atheneum , **Year:** 1993, **ISBN:** 0689317190 **Genre:** Fiction

Tree Giants, The: The Story of the Redwoods, the World's Largest Trees by **Schneider, Bill and D.D. Dowden**

Description: One of California's most famous geographical features is discussed here for children's general knowledge and ecological consideration. **Publisher:** Falcon Press, **Year:** 1988, **ISBN:** 0937959405, **Genre:** Nonfiction

Visual Materials:

Over California. New York: Ambrose Video Publishing, 1994. This video tape provides an exhilarating journey above the landscape of California. Select the section of the tape which features your region or use each section to identify different types of geographic features. Photographed entirely from the air over the course of a year, high altitude images reveal the special beauty of the mountains, desert, vineyards, coastline, and cities that are California.

Impressions of California - Early Currents in Art 1850-1930. Irvine, Calif.: Irvine Art Museum, 1996. ISBN 0-9635-468-0. This visual feast chronicles the love affair between California impressionist artists and the natural landscape of the Golden State.

Spaceshots, Inc. Satellite Maps. Acton, Calif.:Spaceshots, Inc. Large color satellite maps that are very useful to identify geographic features in different regions of California. Available maps are *The Los Angeles Basin*. (#1241), *Monterey Bay* (#1246), *San Francisco* (#1382), *San Diego* (# 1381), and *Southern California* (#1396). Check local map stores for other satellite photographs that may be available.

Website for California Geography: http://www.netstate.com/states/geography/ca_geography.htm

Teacher Resource:

Hornbeck, David. *California Patterns: A Geographical and Historical Atlas.* Mountainview, CA:Mayfield Publishing Company, 1983. ISBN 0-87484-583-1. This teacher resource depicts California's contemporary landscape through a historical geography perspective. The book traces the changing patterns of California's human and physical landscape from geologic formation to the present day. The author examines natural vegetation, weather and climate, early settlements, immigration, urban expansion, agricultural patterns, water systems, and economic patterns and trade.