

**My State Report on
California**



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Location of California



What's in a Name?

California's nickname is the Golden State. From the naming of the state in the 16th century to the California Gold Rush of 1848 and the fields of yellow poppies (official state flower) that bloom in the springtime, gold, in one form or another, has been intertwined with the history and development of California.

The name "California" was applied to the territory now known as the state of California by one or more Spanish explorers in the 16th century and was probably a reference to a mythical land described in a popular novel of the time.

History

The history of California can be divided into: the Native American period; European exploration period from 1542 to 1769; the Spanish colonial period, 1769 to 1821; the Mexican period, 1821 to 1848; and United States statehood, which continues to this present day

Famous People

Tom Brady was born in 1977 in San Mateo, CA. Tom is the quarterback for the New England Patriots. The reason I picked Tom Brady is because he was born in the same city as I was and I know his family. His sisters and I went to Grad School together. Tom is a great guy.

Marilyn Monroe was born in 1926. She was famous for being very beautiful and for being in many old movies. When people think of Hollywood they think of Marilyn Monroe!



Tom Brady



Marilyn Monroe

Visitor's Guide

Disneyland: Disneyland is a very cool place to visit and a must see if you visit California.

Disneyland opened on July 17th, which is also my birthday. Disneyland is filled with rides, shows and lots of fun for kids of all ages. I brought my daughter's over Thanksgiving Break

San Francisco: I am from the Bay Area and I think that San Francisco is one of the best places on Earth! The San Francisco Giant's



Disneyland



San Francisco

State Flag



State Bird
California Quail



State Flower

Poppy



State Seal



Weather

On July 10, 2013, it was 134 degrees Fahrenheit (57 degrees Celsius) at Furnace Creek, California, breaking the record for the highest temperature ever recorded.

California has pretty much the best weather most of the year. There is sunshine throughout California during most of the year. Southern California gets very mild temperatures ranging from 40 degrees to 85 degrees. Near Lake Tahoe,

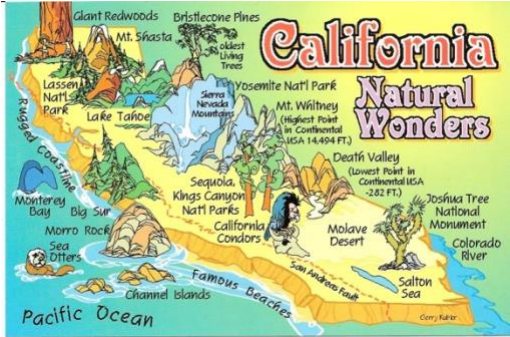
Evaluation

- **I enjoyed doing this report and learning more about California! I loved this state already and learning more really made me never want to move!**
- **The most interesting thing about what I learned is that there are so many places to visit that I never even heard of! I even forgot about Lake Tahoe and The Monterey Bay. I have been to both place but I forgot to write about them!**

FUN! EXCITING! BEAUTIFUL!



I LOVE CALIFORNIA!



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