



Curriculum on Citizenship



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"California Basics"



California Basics Agenda

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California Geography

A1. Identify the key geographic features of California.



California Geography

- California is 3rd largest US state
- More people than any state
- More diverse topography than most
 - Mountains
 - Ocean
 - Rivers
 - Desert
 - Glaciers
 - Forests
 - Large cities
 - Millions of farmland acres





California Geography

- Borders 3 states (Oregon/Nevada/Arizona)
- Borders Mexico & Pacific Ocean
- Approx. 800 miles long x 250 miles wide
- Highest ↑ point: Mount Whitney
- Lowest ↓ point: Death Valley





California Geography



- Mountain Ranges:
 - Klamath Mtns: high & forested
 - Coastal Mtns: parallel the coast
 - The Sierra Nevada Mtns: border w/Nevada
 - The Los Angeles/Transverse Ranges: run between Santa Barbara & San Diego
 - San Diego/Peninsular Ranges: SD County to Baja
 - Basin & Range Region: Narrow ranges & flat arid valleys (deserts)



California Geography



- The Central Valley
 - Runs along middle of California
 - Between Coastal Ranges & the Sierra Nevada
 - Sacramento & San Joaquin Valleys
 - Comprise large part of farmland



California Geography

- The Central Valley (cont'd)
 - Major Rivers:
 - Sacramento
 - San Joaquin
 - Colorado
 - Major Lakes:
 - Lake Tahoe
 - Salton Sea
 - Owens Lake
 - Searles Lake





California Geography

- Frequent Earthquakes
 - Major faults underground
 - Tectonic activity along coast
 - Historically significant:
 - 1906 San Francisco (magnitude 7.8 – 8.2)
 - 1971 San Fernando (mag. 6.6)
 - 1989 Loma Prieta (mag. 6.9 – 7.1)
 - 1994 Northridge (mag. 6.7)



California Geography

- Largest Metropolitan Areas:
 - Los Angeles
 - San/Francisco/Oakland
 - San Diego
 - Riverside/San Bernardino
 - Sacramento
 - San Jose





California Geography

- Diverse Climate
 - Coastal & SoCal → Mediterranean
 - Moderately rainy winters
 - Mild, dry summers
 - High Sierras → Warm summer/Winter snow
 - Desert Areas → Hot summer/Cold winter
 - Northern Coast → More rain than SoCal



Check on Learning

1. What states border California?
2. Describe the Basin and Range Region? What topography in California falls into this category?
3. What are the three major rivers in California?
4. Name at least three key geographic features of California?



California Symbols

A2. Name 75% of the listed symbols of California.



California Symbols

State Flag



State Seal



State Colors:
Blue & Gold





California Symbols

State Flower: The
California Poppy



State Insect: The
Dogface Butterfly



State Tree: The
California Redwood





California Symbols

State Fish:
The Golden Trout



State Animal:
The Grizzly Bear



State Fossil: The
Saber-Toothed Cat



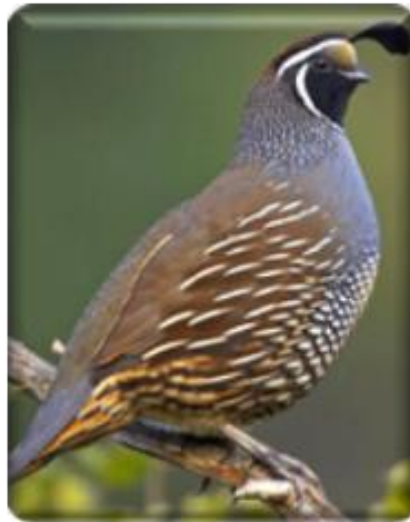


California Symbols

State Reptile: The
Desert Tortoise



State Bird: The
California Quail



State Amphibian:
The California
Red-Legged Frog





California Symbols

State Motto:

Eureka!

(Greek for “I have found it”)

State Nickname: The Golden State



Check on Learning

1. What are our state colors?
2. What two symbols are on our flag?
3. What is our state motto? What does it mean in English?
4. What is our state animal?
5. What is our state flower?



The People of California

A3. Discuss details of the people of California, past and present.



The People of California

- Native Americans
- Tribes or bands
 - If cultural or linguistic connections, generally lived in small groups loosely tied together
 - Most: permanent location
 - Some: nomadic



The People of California





The People of California

- Many native bands & cultures died out
 - Interaction w/European settlers
 - Catholic missions
- Est. 275,000 natives before European settlers came
- Approx. 15,000 end of 19th Century



The People of California

- 1% of Californians are Native Americans
 - Apache/Cherokee/Choctaw/Creek/Hopi/Zuni/Navajo/Blackfeet/Shoshone/Paiute/Pueblos/Cahuilla/Chumash
- Highest # of Native Americans than other states
 - More tribes, too
- Live both on and off reservations
 - reservation a.k.a. “rancheria”

The People of California





The People of California

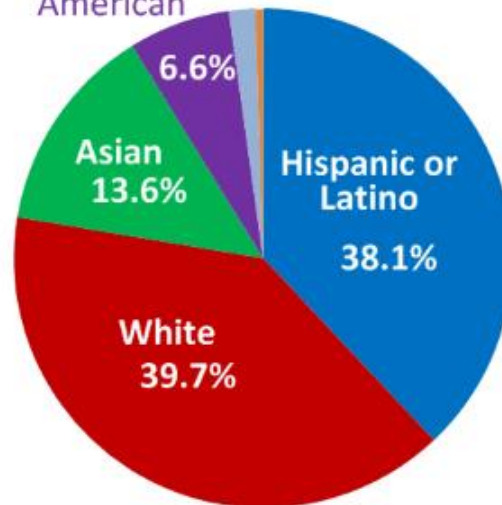
- Larger population than any other state
- Diverse
 - Majority-minority
 - = majority of people are ethnic minorities
 - Increasingly Hispanic or Latino
 - Large % of Whites, Asians, & Blacks
 - Gender approx. 50/50 male/female



The People of California

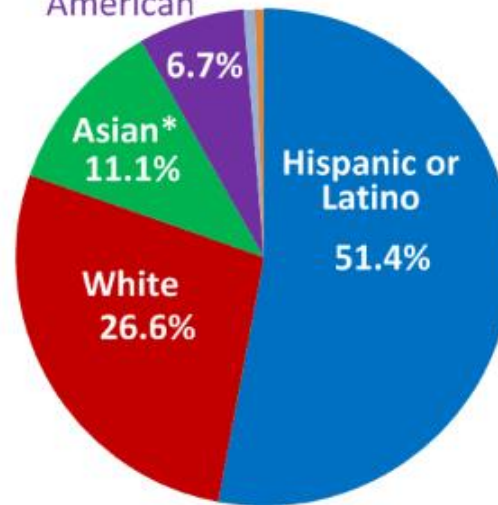
California Population Compared to Public School Enrollment (by Ethnic Background)

Black/African American



California Population (2011)

Black/African American



California Public School Enrollment (2010-2011)

* Includes both "Asia" and "Filipino" groups

Source:

Ed-Data Education Data Partnership: Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity in Public Schools

<http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/layouts/EdDataClassic/>

<http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/layouts/EdDataClassic/StudentTrendsNew.asp?reportNumber=128&fy=2011&level=04&report=enrollmentbyethnicity#enrollmentbyethnicitychart>

United States Census Bureau: State & County QuickFacts: California

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06000.html>



The People of California

California Population as of April 2017	
Population estimates, July 1, 2017, (V2017)	39,536,653
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2017)	37,254,518
Population, percent change – April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2017, (V2017)	6.10%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	37,253,956
Age and Sex	
Persons under 5 years	6.30%
Persons under 18 years	22.90%
Persons 65 years and over	13.90%
Female persons	50.30%
	0.503
Race and Hispanic Origin	
White alone	72.40%
Black or African American alone	6.50%
Native American and Alaska Native alone	1.60%
Asian alone	15.20%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.05%
Two or More Races	3.90%
Hispanic or Latino	39.10%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	37.20%
Source: US Census Bureau (Bureau, 2017)	



Check on Learning

1. T/F: All native people of California lived permanently in one place year-round.
2. Why did many native cultures die out?
3. Only _____% of Californians today are Native Americans.
4. What does it mean that California is a “majority-minority”?



Threats in California

A4. Name the threats California faces.



Threats in California

- Catastrophic Events
 - Earthquakes
 - Floods
 - Wildfires
 - Civil unrest



Threats in California

- National Guard (CACC's parent organization)
 - Helps deal with/recover from disaster
 - Prepares for & steps up when called is a significant mission





Threats in California

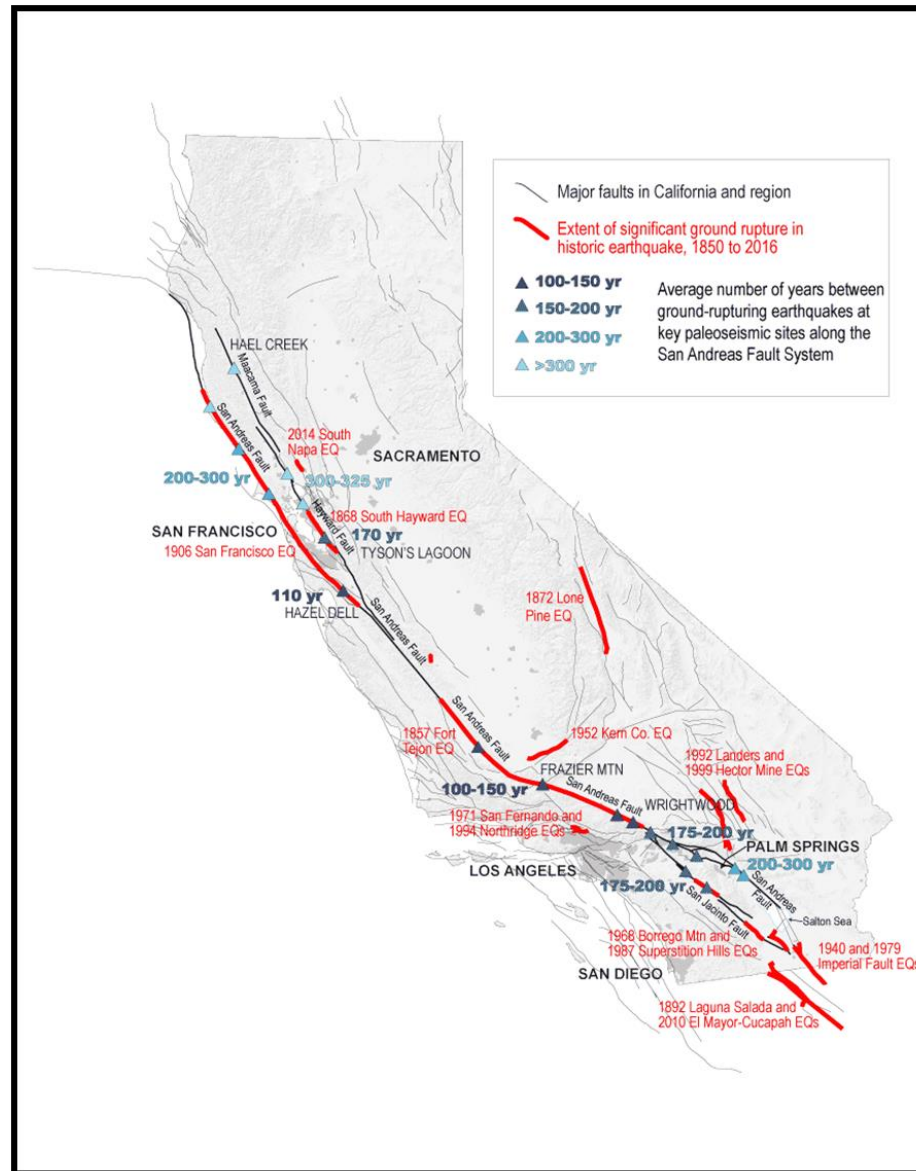
- Why so many earthquakes?
 - Plate tectonics
 - Volcanic activity
- Plate Tectonics
 - Pacific Plate moving north
 - North American Plate moving south
 - Plates contact = friction
 - Friction creates fault
 - Earthquakes occur at fault



Threats in California

- San Andreas Fault
 - The boundary line between Pacific & North American Plates
 - Runs along much of length of California
- 100s of other smaller faults
 - Approx. 200 potentially dangerous
 - 70% of population lives w/in 30 miles of a fault

Threats in California

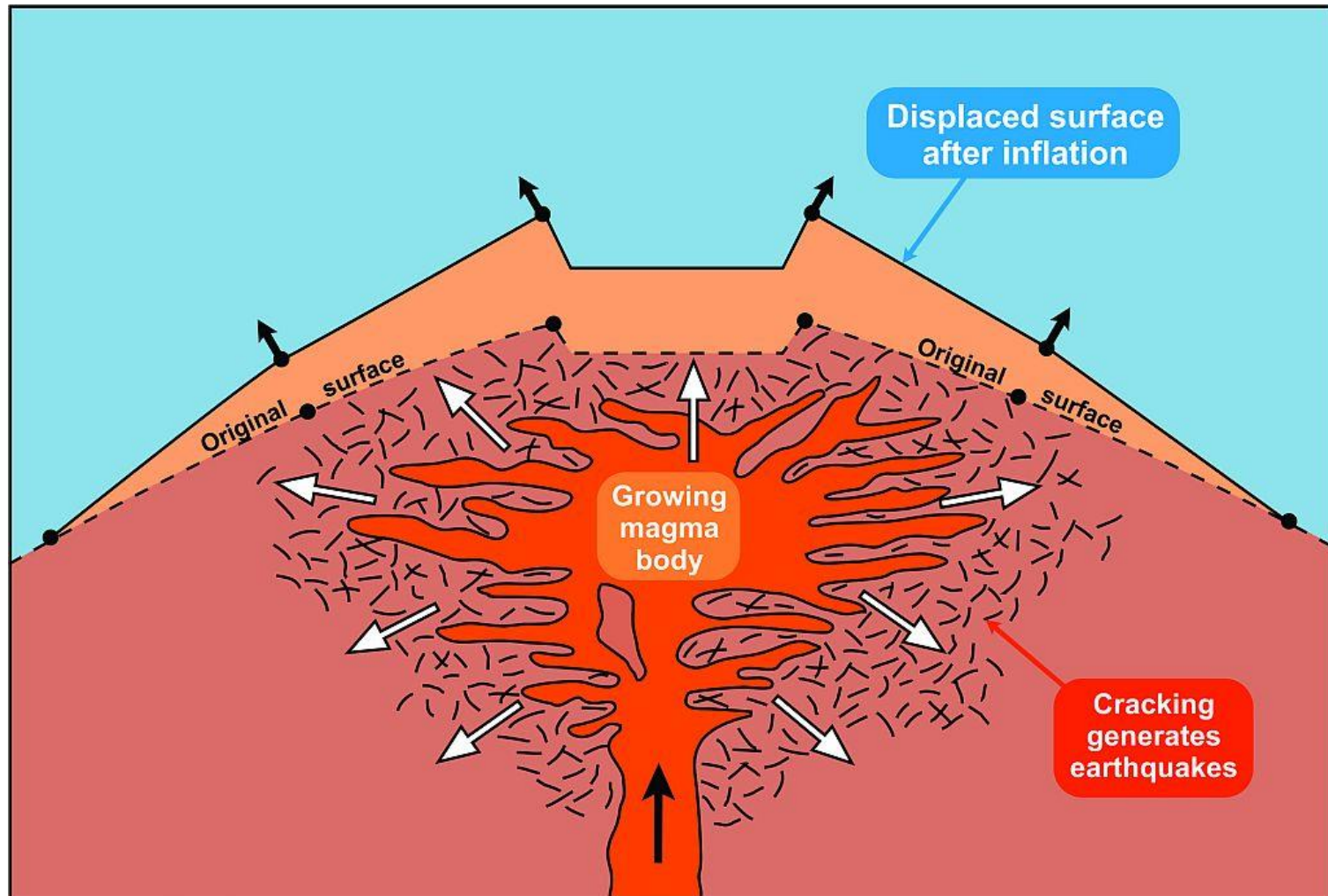




Threats in California

- Volcanic Activity (a result of plate tectonics)
 - Most are small
 - Don't cause damage
 - BUT...volcanic activity = earthquakes
 - Mammoth Lakes region
 - Mount Lassen
 - Mount Shasta

Threats in California





Threats in California

- 2 or 3 large-scale earthquakes per year
 - Magnitude of 5.5 or greater
 - Level at which moderate damage to structures can occur
- Stringent building codes help prevent damage



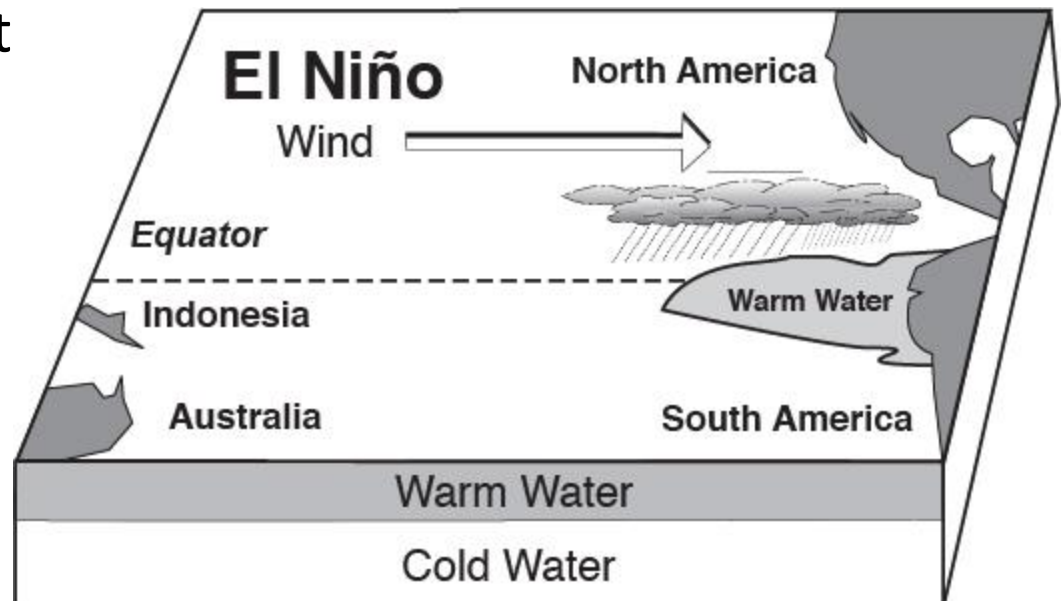
Threats in California

- Wildfires
 - Lots of forested land → lightening starts fire
 - Drought → susceptible to burning
 - Arguments by some people:
 - Let smaller fires burn off dead vegetation to prevent larger fires
 - Logging removes fuel, thus prevents fires
(But logging has been prevented in parts of California)



Threats in California

- El Niño
 - Pacific Ocean temperatures \uparrow off South America
 - Causes increased rainfall in SoCal
 - Eases drought situation





Threats in California

- Too much rain or snow = flooding!
 - Wildfires exacerbate
 - Vegetation keeps soil in place → burns off
 - Land susceptible to mudslides/extreme runoff
 - Rivers → most common flood places





Threats in California

- Manmade disasters/civil disturbances
 - 1965 riots in Watts (Los Angeles)
 - 1992 riots in Los Angeles (Rodney King)
 - San Bernardino Punk Riot of 2006
 - 2007 MacArthur Park Rallies (regarding immigration)
 - 2009 & 2010 BART Police Shooting of Oscar Grant in Oakland (after incident and trial)
 - 2010 Santa Cruz May Day Riot
 - Black Lives Matter
 - Occupy Movement



Threats in California

- Riots
 - People already angry about a situation
 - Something happens to tip anger over the top
 - People take to the streets
- Protests
 - People or authorities can become violent
 - People hurt, property damaged, problem not solved



Threats in California

On a positive note...

- CEOWORLD Magazine ranked California as the state w/most diversity
 - Diversity Measurements:
culture/economic/household marital status & age groups/politics/religion/socioeconomics
- And w/our diverse topography many think:

We're a pretty great state!



Check on Learning

1. Name three threats in California.
2. What CACC-affiliated organization helps our state with disasters?
3. What causes earthquakes in California?
4. What is El Niño? What positive thing does it do? What negative thing may it cause?