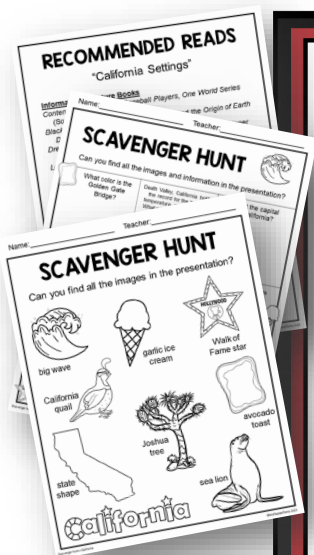


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LET'S TRAVEL TO...

CALIFORNIA



WORLD'S OLDEST TREE



Methuselah is the name of a bristlecone pine tree in California's White Mountains.

Methuselah is the oldest known living organism in the world. The tree is thought to be around 4800 years old.

To protect Methuselah from humans who might harm it, the tree's specific location is a secret.

GRADES
2-5

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ON THE SPECIALS?

CALIFORNIA BORDERS



Oregon

Nevada

CALIFORNIA STATE FLAG



Many US state flags have animals on them.

The grizzly bear represents a battle in 1846 called the Bear Flag Revolt. The grizzly bear is also the California state animal.

The red star and red stripe were "taken from the US flag" when California joined the USA in 1850. California was the 31st state to join the USA.

Teaching the same lesson, the same way, 20 times each week? There is a variety of content here, so you don't need to use every slide with every grade level. No more teaching the exact same lesson all week!

TWO-PART LESSON



SIGN LANGUAGE

"bear"

[To make the American Sign Language sign for bear:](#)

TRIVIA QUESTION

With 9 national parks, California has more national parks than any other state.
Which state has the second-highest number of national parks?



Alaska



Utah



Delaware



Michigan

(answer on next slide)

Designed specifically for librarians on the Specials rotation! Each part takes about 25 minutes and can easily be reduced or split into two lessons.

PART I – WHOLE CLASS LESSON

STATE FLOWER



The California state flower
is the California poppy.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITAL

- The original capital of California was San Jose. It was moved to Sacramento in 1854.
- Sacramento grew as a major center during the California Gold Rush (1848-1855).
- The Sacramento River runs through the city.



Tower Bridge over the Sacramento River

Part I is a guided whole-class discussion.

Includes sign language, state flower, flag, bird, map, etc.

PART I – WHOLE CLASS LESSON

SIGN LANGUAGE

California is abbreviated as “CA.”

Or, you can also sign “California” by:

1. Point to your ear with one index finger.



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STATE BIRD

The state bird of California is the California quail.

California quails live in groups called coveys.

They mostly stay on the ground, but they can fly if needed.

The black feather on top is shorter on females and longer on males. This one is a male.



Sample slides from Part I

GUIDES YOUR LIBRARY TIME

CHECKING OUT BOOKS TODAY!

Write in checkout reminders or procedures here.



California poppy

This slide is fully-editable, including the artwork.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

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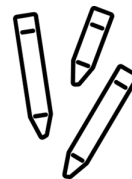
Find a book you like.

2



Bring your book to the circulation desk.

3



Complete the Scavenger Hunt.

The presentation guides library time from start to finish! Includes recommended read-aloud ideas with video links, reminder slides, and a “What Should We Do Now?” slide.

PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

WORD OF THE WEEK

populous

(adjective) highly-populated; lots of people live there

California is the most popul



CALIFORNIA ANIMALS



California desert tortoise



coyote



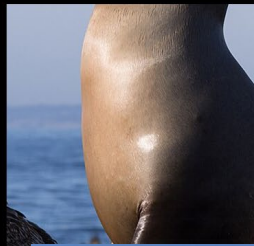
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Part II includes additional facts about California wildlife, places of interest, foods, would-you-rathers, and more! These slides are meant to scroll on a timer during checkout time.

SCROLLING SLIDES

WHAT ANIMAL AM I?

I can be found along the California coast, on beaches and rocks.



My babies are called pups.



I sound like a barking dog!



The numbers on the wing help scientists track this condor.

CALIFORNIA CONDOR


- Critically endangered large bird of prey
- One of the largest birds in North America
- One of the most endangered birds in the world
- In 1987, there were only 27 California condors left in the world.
- Conservation efforts have restored the population to over 500, but there is still much to do to protect them.

More examples of Part II—Scrolling Slides

DON'T HAVE POWERPOINT?

TRIVIA QUESTION

Zabriskie Point, Death Valley, California




Death Valley, California is famous! What is it known for?

A. Hottest temperature ever recorded

B. Coldest temperature ever recorded

TRIVIA ANSWER

Death Valley, California is famous! What is it known for?



A. **Hottest temperature ever recorded**

B. Coldest temperature ever recorded

C. Most rainfall ever recorded in one day

D. Least rainfall ever recorded in one day

The hottest temperature ever recorded on earth was 134°F (56.7°C). It was recorded in Death Valley, California on July 10, 1913.

I've also included a Google Slides version!

HISTORY, TOO!

GOLD RUSH

- In 1848, gold was discovered in a riverbed at Sutter's Mill in Coloma, California.
- News of gold spread quickly! Over 300,000 people would "rush" to California, hoping to get rich.
- Boomtowns sprang up overnight! The population of some towns grew from 1000 to 25,000.



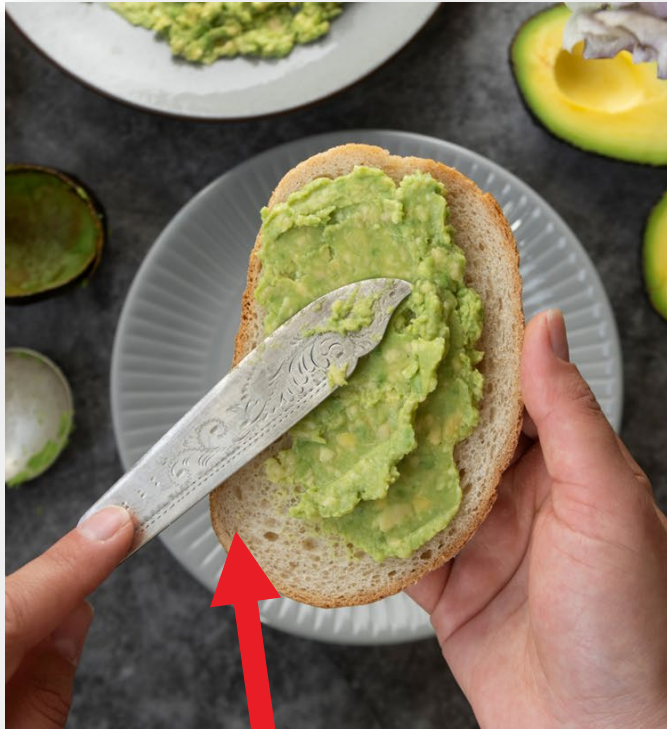
1906 EARTHQUAKE

- Early in the morning on April 18, 1906, a powerful earthquake hit San Francisco
- Over 100 years later, this earthquake is still one of the most powerful earthquakes in US history.
- The earthquake and fires caused by the earthquake destroyed most of the city
- 3000 people died, and tens of thousands of people lost their homes



Aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake

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WHAT TO EAT IN CALIFORNIA

Anything with avocado!

Avocados have lots of vitamins.

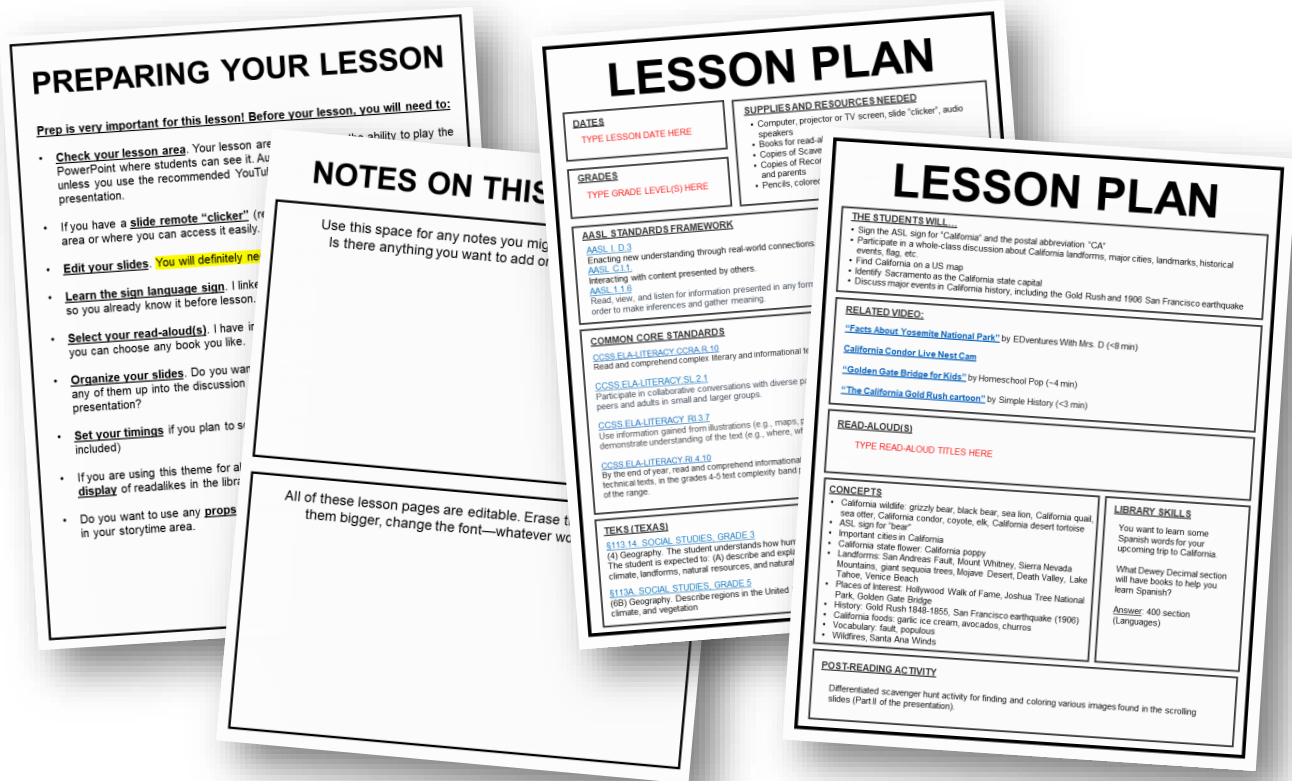
They are classified as a fruit.

Do you like eating avocados?

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PRE-FILLED LESSON PLAN TEMPLATE



Includes a pre-filled, editable lesson plan template for this library lesson. AASL, TEKS, and CCSS standards are all included on the lesson plan.

RECOMMENDED READS

"California Settings"

Informational Picture Books

Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series
(Sorell)

Black Beach: A Community, an Oil Spill, and the Origin of Earth Day (Stith)

Dressing Up the Stars: The Story of Movie Costume Designer Edith Head (Harvey)

Lola Out Loud: Inspired by the Childhood of Activist Dolores Huerta (Torres)

Trapped! A Whale's Rescue (Burleigh)

Our California (Ryan)

Alice Waters Cooks Up a Food Revolution (Stanley)

Fiction

The Apartment House on Poppy Hill (LaCour)

Two Tribes (Cohen)

Clouds over California (Parsons)

The Fire, the Water, and Maudie McGinn (Pla)

Hope in the Valley (Perkins)

Half Moon Summer (Vickers)

Ruby Lost and Found (Li)

Select (Matheson)

Parachute Kids (Tang)

Sincerely Sicily (Burgess)

Odder (Applegate)



Includes separate page (editable) that lists 20 titles of books set in California. Print and give out to students, parents, and teachers.

PART II- SCAVENGER HUNTS

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images in the presentation?

big

EASIER

California quail

state shape

Joshua tree

Scavenger Hunt—California

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images and information in the presentation?

What color is the Golden Gate Bridge?

Death Valley, California holds the record for the hottest temperature ever recorded. What was the temperature?

What the capital of California?

Methuselah to be the oldest

HARDER

There are currently over _____ stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

What do sea lions have that seals do not?

What destroys hundreds of thousands of acres of California land every year?

What animal is on the California state flag?

Name: **ANSWER KEY** Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images and information in the presentation?

What color is the Golden Gate Bridge?

orange

Death Valley, California holds the record for the hottest temperature ever recorded. What was the temperature?

134°F (56.7°C)

What the capital of California?

Sacramento

Methuselah to be the oldest

tree lives 1000 years

ANSWER KEY

What animal is on the California state flag?

grizzly bear

There are currently over _____ stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

2700+

What destroys hundreds of thousands of acres of California land every year?

wildfires

What animal is on the California state flag?

grizzly bear

Scavenger Hunt—California

Keep students engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions!

MORE LIBRARY LESSONS

INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

LET'S TRAVEL TO... ALASKA

TRIVIA QUESTION
Alaska and Hawaii were the last two states admitted to the USA.
Both were admitted in 1959. Which one was first?

Alaska OR Hawaii (answer on next slide)

GRADES 2-5

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LET'S TRAVEL TO FLORIDA!

FLORIDA ON A MAP
Florida is a peninsula. That means it is surrounded by water on three sides.

GRADES 2-5

Library Lesson + Activity



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LET'S TRAVEL TO TEXAS!

TEXAS STATE BIRD
The Texas state bird is the northern mockingbird.
Mockingbirds can imitate the sounds of other birds, plus machinery, music, frogs, and toads!

GRADES 2-5

Library Lesson + Activity



PLAY IN GOOGLE™ SLIDES

INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

LAKES FULL OF LAVA
There are over 1500 volcanoes on Earth.
Of the 1500, only seven volcanoes are known to have lava lakes.
The only volcano still in the Mount Fuji area.

GRADES 3-5

"Antarctica"

