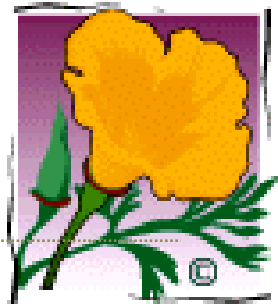
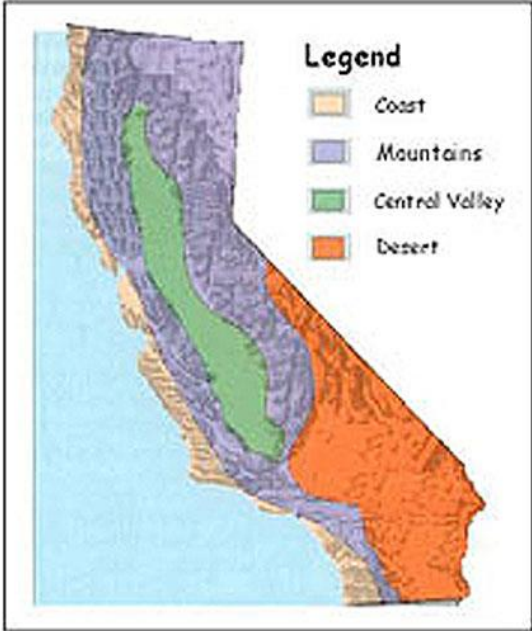


Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# California's Regions & Special Places

California is commonly divided into four distinct regions: **desert, coast, valley, and mountains**. These regions vary widely in climate, landforms, tourist attractions and animal and plant life. Each of these regions has some very special places.



### Individual Project

You will be creating your own "board" in your Discovery Education account. You may choose any of the 4 regions, Mountain, Central Valley, Coastal, or Desert. Please look closely at the requirements explained in the next section.

### Requirements:

You must include information and an image for each of the 5 sections listed below:

- 1. Location (with a Map)**  
Where is your region located in the state of CA?
- 2. Climate/Weather**  
What is the weather like in your region? Be specific
- 3. Plants**  
Which plants are common to your region?
- 4. Animals**  
Which animals are common to your region?
- 5. Tourist Attractions / Places to Visit**  
What are the popular places to see/visit in your region? What do people do when they visit those places?

**Organization:** You must also organize your boards as follows;

- Have a title at the top of the board, in the largest font on the page
- Have a subheading for each of the 5 sections. The font for the subheading are smaller than the title, but larger than the descriptive text.
- use captions to describe the images
- use captions to describe the videos from Discovery that you insert or YouTube video you link to

**Presentation:** You will present your board to the class.

*P.S. If you have had a chance to visit some places in your region, please feel free to bring any materials that you think will be of interest for the class to see.*

### **To Locate the Info / Research**

Here are some places where you can find the information for your region:

- Special books in the classroom
- *CA Studies Weekly*, Week 2 newspaper (our Social Studies “textbook”). You can access this through your online account as well.
- The following website: <http://oakdome.com/k5/lesson-plans/california-regions/california-regions.php>
- Website links provided at the end of this document
- Google internet searches
- Discovery Education videos
- YouTube video searches (This is only available to students who have shown responsibility when using the internet and have made good choices with the technology)
- Books from the Coolidge library or your local library

Please make sure you look at the rubric listed below, to see how your Discovery board will be graded.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks!

Ms. Dekker

Attachments

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## CA Regions: Discovery Education Board RUBRIC



**POINTS**

**What needs to be included on the board...**

- \_\_\_\_\_/3 The name of your region is in the title
- \_\_\_\_\_/2 Your name is in a text box toward the top of the page
- \_\_\_\_\_/5 Subheadings for each of the 6 sections is in a bigger font than the regular text and is smaller than the title
- \_\_\_\_\_/5 Captions are included next to the images and videos
- \_\_\_\_\_/10 At least one Discovery Education video is inserted, OR a YouTube video is linked in the board
- \_\_\_\_\_/10 Description of the location of the region and an image of CA map that shows the 4 regions
- \_\_\_\_\_/10 Information and image(s) about the climate/weather in your region
- \_\_\_\_\_/10 Information and image(s) about the plants in your region
- \_\_\_\_\_/10 Information and image(s) about the animals in your region
- \_\_\_\_\_/10 Information and image(s) about the tourist attractions/places to visit in your region/things to do
- \_\_\_\_\_/5 Creativity – the colors and fonts used make the board fun to look, is neat, and is easy to read
- \_\_\_\_\_/5 Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation – there are limited mistakes
  
- \_\_\_\_\_/85 **TOTAL**

## CA REGIONS & RESOURCES

### CENTRAL VALLEY REGION:

- **General Info:**
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central\\_Valley\\_\(California\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Valley_(California))
  - <https://www.visitcalifornia.com/region/discover-central-valley>
- **Climate / Agriculture-Crops / Landforms of the Sacramento Valley:**
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacramento\\_Valley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacramento_Valley)
- **Climate / Agriculture-Crops / Landforms of the San Joaquin Valley:**
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\\_Joaquin\\_Valley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Joaquin_Valley)
- **Climate:**
  - [https://kids.kiddle.co/Central\\_Valley\\_\(California\)](https://kids.kiddle.co/Central_Valley_(California))
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate\\_of\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_of_California)
  - <http://www.centralcoastoutdoors.com/weather-california-coast/>
- **Plants:**
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VN218lvrlc> (YouTube video)
- **Animals:**
  - [https://www.inaturalist.org/check\\_lists/139629-Central-Valley--California--Check-List?page=2](https://www.inaturalist.org/check_lists/139629-Central-Valley--California--Check-List?page=2)
  - Elderberry Longhorn Beetle and Tule Elk: <https://www.kcet.org/redefine/6-cool-animals-that-live-only-in-california>
- **Things to Do / Places to See:**
  - Shasta Lake: [www.fs.usda.gov/stnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/stnf)
  - Shasta Lake: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shasta\\_Lake](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shasta_Lake)
  - Shasta Lake Caverns: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake\\_Shasta\\_Caverns](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Shasta_Caverns)
  - Shasta National Forest: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shasta-Trinity\\_National\\_Forest](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shasta-Trinity_National_Forest)
  - Mount Shasta: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount\\_Shasta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Shasta)
  - Shasta Dam:
- **Cities**
  - Sacramento: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacramento,\\_California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacramento,_California)
  - Redding: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Redding,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Redding,_California)
  - Chico: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chico,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chico,_California)
  - Bakersfield: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bakersfield,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bakersfield,_California)
  - Fresno: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresno,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresno,_California)
  - Stockton: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stockton,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stockton,_California)
  - Modesto: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modesto,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modesto,_California)

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### COASTAL REGION:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coastal\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coastal_California)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate\\_of\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_of_California) (climate)

[www.missionscalifornia.com/missionfacts.html](http://www.missionscalifornia.com/missionfacts.html)

Main cities: Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Long Beach

#### Los Angeles

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los\\_Angeles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles)

<http://discoverlosangeles.com/>

[www.timeout.com/los-angeles/](http://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/)

#### San Francisco

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\\_Francisco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco)

[http://wikitravel.org/en/San\\_Francisco#b](http://wikitravel.org/en/San_Francisco#b)

#### San Diego

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\\_Diego](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego)

[www.sandiego.org/nav/Visitors/WhatToDo](http://www.sandiego.org/nav/Visitors/WhatToDo)

[http://wikitravel.org/en/San\\_Diego](http://wikitravel.org/en/San_Diego)

Also: La Jolla

#### Long Beach

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long\\_Beach,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long_Beach,_California)

[www.visitlongbeach.com/](http://www.visitlongbeach.com/)

[www.longbeach.gov/](http://www.longbeach.gov/)

#### North Coast

[www.aveofthegiants.com/](http://www.aveofthegiants.com/)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\\_Francisco\\_Bay\\_Area](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Bay_Area)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisherman%27s\\_Wharf,\\_San\\_Francisco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisherman%27s_Wharf,_San_Francisco)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden\\_Gate\\_Bridge](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Gate_Bridge)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wine\\_Country\\_\(California\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wine_Country_(California))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silicon\\_Valley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silicon_Valley)

#### Central Coast

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central\\_Coast\\_of\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Coast_of_California)

[www.centralcoast-tourism.com/](http://www.centralcoast-tourism.com/)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salinas\\_Valley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salinas_Valley)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big\\_Sur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Sur)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural\\_Bridges\\_State\\_Beach](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_Bridges_State_Beach)

[www.hearstcastle.org](http://www.hearstcastle.org)

[www.carmelcalifornia.com/](http://www.carmelcalifornia.com/)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monterey,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monterey,_California)

[www.montereybayaquarium.org/](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/)

## **South Coast**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South\\_Coast\\_\(California\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Coast_(California))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santa\\_Monica,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santa_Monica,_California)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newport\\_Beach,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newport_Beach,_California)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La\\_Jolla](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Jolla)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disneyland>

<http://disneyland.disney.go.com/>

[www.universalstudioshollywood.com/](http://www.universalstudioshollywood.com/)

<http://california.legoland.com/>

<http://seaworldparks.com/en/seaworld-sandiego/>

<http://www.sandiegozoo.org/park/index2010>

<http://www.sandiegozoo.org/zoo/index.php>

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## DESERT REGION:

- **Climate:**
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate\\_of\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_of_California)
  - [https://wikitravel.org/en/Death\\_Valley\\_National\\_Park](https://wikitravel.org/en/Death_Valley_National_Park) (Death Valley, scroll down to the "climate" section)
- **Animals:**
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Fauna\\_of\\_the\\_Mojave\\_Desert](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Fauna_of_the_Mojave_Desert) (Mojave)
  - <https://www.nps.gov/jotr/learn/nature/animals.htm> (Joshua Tree)
  - [www.desertusa.com/video\\_pages/pupfish.html](http://www.desertusa.com/video_pages/pupfish.html) (Pup Fish of Salton Sea)
  -
- **Plants:**
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_flora\\_of\\_the\\_Mojave\\_Desert\\_region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_flora_of_the_Mojave_Desert_region) (Mojave)
  - <https://www.nps.gov/jotr/learn/nature/plants.htm> (Joshua Tree)
  - <https://www.nps.gov/deva/learn/nature/plants.htm> (Joshua Tree)
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joshua\\_Tree\\_National\\_Park#Wildlife](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joshua_Tree_National_Park#Wildlife) (Joshua Tree, scroll down)
- **Things to do / Places to visit:**
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mILB8PZmmYg> (Calico Ghost Town video)
  - <https://www.pstramway.com/> Mount San Jacinto Aerial Tramway above Palm Springs

### Mojave Desert:

- <https://www.visitcalifornia.com/attraction/mojave-national-preserve>
- <https://www.nps.gov/moja/index.htm>
- <https://www.kcet.org/shows/socal-wanderer/where-to-find-the-mojaves-greatest-ghost-towns> (ghost towns)

### Joshua Tree National Park (hiking, rock climbing, astronomy)

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joshua\\_Tree\\_National\\_Park#Wildlife](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joshua_Tree_National_Park#Wildlife)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJ5UjLLv-f4> (YouTube video)

### Death Valley

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Places\\_of\\_interest\\_in\\_the\\_Death\\_Valley\\_area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Places_of_interest_in_the_Death_Valley_area)
- [https://www.desertusa.com/video\\_pages/death-valley.html](https://www.desertusa.com/video_pages/death-valley.html) (video)

### Salton Sea

- [www.desertusa.com/video\\_pages/salton-sea.html](http://www.desertusa.com/video_pages/salton-sea.html) (video)

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### **MOUNTAIN REGION:**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate\\_of\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_of_California) (climate)

#### **Sierra Nevada mountain range**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sierra\\_Nevada\\_\(U.S.\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sierra_Nevada_(U.S.))

\* Mount Whitney

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount\\_Whitney](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Whitney)

#### **Sequoia National Park**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequoia\\_National\\_Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequoia_National_Park)

\* A city near Sequoia National Park: Visalia

#### **Yosemite National Park**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yosemite\\_National\\_Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yosemite_National_Park)

#### **Kings Canyon National Park**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kings\\_Canyon\\_National\\_Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kings_Canyon_National_Park)

#### **Big Bear Lake**

[www.bigbearchamber.com/](http://www.bigbearchamber.com/) (city of Big Bear)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big\\_Bear\\_Lake,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Bear_Lake,_California)

#### **Redwood Forest**

[www.virtualguidebooks.com/NorthCalif/RedwoodPark/RedwoodPark.php](http://www.virtualguidebooks.com/NorthCalif/RedwoodPark/RedwoodPark.php)

#### **Lake Tahoe**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake\\_Tahoe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Tahoe)

<http://tahoe.usgs.gov/facts.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South\\_Lake\\_Tahoe,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Lake_Tahoe,_California) (city of South Lake Tahoe)

#### **Klamath National Forest**

[www.fs.usda.gov/klamath](http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Klamath\\_National\\_Forest](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Klamath_National_Forest)

#### **Modoc National Forest**

[www.fs.usda.gov/modoc](http://www.fs.usda.gov/modoc)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modoc\\_National\\_Forest](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modoc_National_Forest)

#### **Mammoth Mountain**

[www.mammothmountain.com/](http://www.mammothmountain.com/)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mammoth\\_Lakes,\\_California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mammoth_Lakes,_California) (city of Mammoth Lakes)

[www.visitmammoth.com](http://www.visitmammoth.com)

<http://www.visitmammoth.com/wildlife/> (animals in Mammoth area)



- **Things to Do / Places to See:**

- Lake Tahoe: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1ewbghHOP0> ,  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZLdGleO7\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZLdGleO7_U) (YouTube videos)
- Yosemite: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fJEFi3ccwI> (YouTube video)
- Mammoth Lakes: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Obd6\\_n2AVuE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Obd6_n2AVuE),  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnZAiT6lKTc> (YouTube videos)
- Mammoth Mountain skiing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfjUTZv8xy4>  
(YouTube video)

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