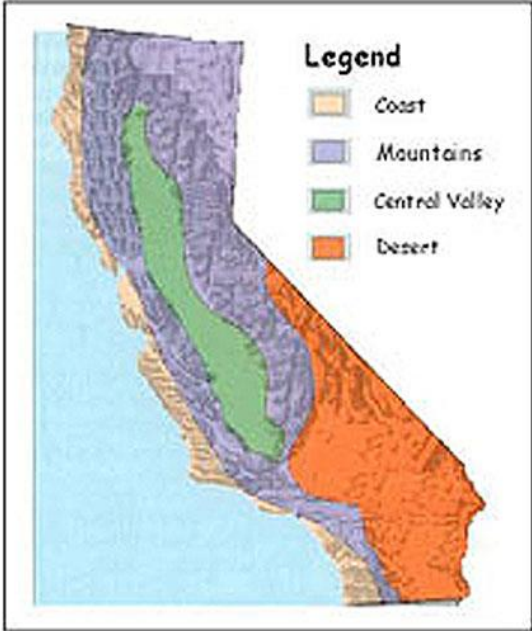


California's Regions & Special Places

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" (virtual poster) 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**
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 visit in your region? Where would tourists like to go to the most? 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 text box under the title that has your name
- Have a subheading for each of the 5 sections. The font for the subheadings are smaller than the title, but larger than the descriptive text.
- Have a text box that lists or describes briefly the information in each of the 5 sections.
- 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 or include pictures of yourself at the locations.

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 (which is our Social Studies “textbook”). You can access your online account for Social Studies Weekly at Clever.com too.
- The following website: <http://oakdome.com/k5/lesson-plans/california-regions/california-regions.php>
- Website links provided at the end of this document! See below! ☺
- Google internet searches
- Discovery Education videos, that you can access through your Discovery Education account at Clever.com
- 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 _____

Region _____

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, is smaller than the title, and also look the same.
- _____/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
- _____/15 The information in each section is written (paraphrased from the text/source) in your own words
- _____/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

_____/100 **TOTAL**

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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>
 - 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 (scroll down to the large chart where several cities and their average daily temperatures are listed. Look for the city in your region to get the info you need)
- **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
 - Elderberry Longhorn Beetle and Tule Elk: <https://www.kcet.org/redefine/6-cool-animals-that-live-only-in-california>
- **Things to Do / Places to Visit:**
 - Several ideas: <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/usa/sacramento-the-central-valley/top-things-to-do/a/poi/361801>
 - Shasta Lake: www.fs.usda.gov/stnf
 - Shasta Lake: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shasta_Lake
 - Shasta Lake Caverns: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Shasta_Caverns
 - Shasta National Forest: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shasta-Trinity_National_Forest
 - Mount Shasta: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Shasta

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COASTAL REGION:

- **General Info:**
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coastal_California
 - www.missionscalifornia.com/missionfacts.html
- **Climate:**
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_of_California (scroll down to the large chart where several cities and their average daily temperatures are listed. Look for the city in your region to get the info you need)
 - https://wikitravel.org/en/San_Diego (Scroll down on the page for a chart of San Diego climate)
 - https://wikitravel.org/en/San_Francisco#b (Scroll down on the page for a chart of San Francisco climate)
 - <https://www.centralcoastoutdoors.com/weather-california-coast/> (climate of the central coast of CA)
- **Plants:**
 - <https://www.laspilitas.com/nature-of-california/communities/coastal-strand/plants> (plants that grow in the sandy area of the CA coast)
 - <https://californiaplants.weebly.com/coastal-region.html>
 - <https://sciencing.com/animals-plants-california-coast-8082446.html>
 - <https://www.cnps.org/gardening/the-coastal-native-garden-5526>
 - <https://www.gardenguides.com/90344-plants-coastal-california.html>
 - <http://www.rahul.net/raithel/nature/>
- **Animals:**
 - <https://sciencing.com/animals-plants-california-coast-8082446.html>
 - <https://animals.mom.me/list-sea-animals-california-coast-5589.html>
 - <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/watching-wildlife-along-californias-coast>
- **Things to Do / Places to Visit:**

Northern coast:

 - www.aveofthegiants.com/
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisherman%27s_Wharf,_San_Francisco
 - 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

Central Coast

 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Coast_of_California
 - www.centralcoast-tourism.com/
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salinas_Valley
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Sur
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_Bridges_State_Beach
 - www.hearstcastle.org
 - www.carmelcalifornia.com/
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monterey,_California

- 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/Newport_Beach,_California
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Jolla
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disneyland>
- <http://disneyland.disney.go.com/>
- 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>
- <http://discoverlosangeles.com/>
- <https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/attractions>
- www.visitlongbeach.com/

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DESERT REGION:

- **Climate:**
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_of_California
 - 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 (Mojave)
 - <https://www.nps.gov/jotr/learn/nature/animals.htm> (Joshua Tree)
 - www.desertusa.com/video_pages/pupfish.html (Pup Fish of Salton Sea)
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- **Plants:**
 - 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 (Joshua Tree, scroll down)
- **Things to do / Places to visit:**
 - Calico Ghost Town: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLLB8PZmmYg> (video)
 - Mount San Jacinto Aerial Tramway above Palm Springs: <https://www.pstramway.com/>

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://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://www.desertusa.com/video_pages/death-valley.html (video)

Salton Sea

- www.desertusa.com/video_pages/salton-sea.html (video)

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MOUNTAIN REGION:

- **Climate:**
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_of_California
 - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sierra_Nevada_\(U.S.\)#Climate_and_meteorology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sierra_Nevada_(U.S.)#Climate_and_meteorology) (go to section 3 where the “climate and meteorology” section is)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Bear_Lake,_California#Climate (at Big Bear)
- **Animals:**
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequoia_National_Park#Wildlife (scroll down to the “wildlife” section to see a listing of animals in Sequoia National Park)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kings_Canyon_National_Park#Plants_and_wildlife (scroll down to the “Plants and Wildlife” section to see a listing of the plants and animals of Kings Canyon National Park)
- **Plants:**
 - <https://calscape.org/plantlist/451/ord-popular/page-all>
 - <https://californiaplants.weebly.com/mountain-region.html>
 - <https://www.laspilitas.com/nature-of-california/communities/mountain-meadow>
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flora_of_the_Sierra_Nevada_alpine_zone
- **Things to Do / Places to Visit:**
 - Lake Tahoe: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1ewbghHOP0> , https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZLdGleO7_U (YouTube videos)
 - Yosemite: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fJEFi3ccwI> (YouTube video)
 - Yosemite area: <https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/placestogo.htm>
 - Mammoth Mountain: <https://www.mammothmountain.com/>
 - Mammoth Lakes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Obd6_n2AVuE, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnZAI6lKTC> (YouTube videos)
 - Mammoth Mountain skiing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfjUTZv8xy4> (YouTube video)
 - Mount Whitney: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Whitney
 - Sequoia National Park: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequoia_National_Park (scroll down to “park attractions”)
 - Big Bear: <https://www.bigbear.com/>
 - Big Bear Lake: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Bear_Lake,_California#Attractions_and_activities
 - Klamath National Forest: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath>