

California Communities

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Research Roadmap

Prepare

1. BEFORE YOU START
Make sure you review the meaning of the key words.
2. LOOK AT THE CASE STUDY
California has many state parks. There are beaches, forests, mountains, and deserts in the state park system.
3. CHOOSE A TOPIC
Use the TOPIC FINDER to decide on a general topic. . Work with your group to choose a region for your poem.
4. RESEARCH
Explore your topic using the RESEARCH LINKS.
5. PREPARE
Make a list of things that are special about your region. Work as a group and draft the sentences for your poem.

Present

Recite your poem to the class. Your group can read the poem all together, or each person can read a different section.

Key Terms

community A place where people live, work, and play
environment The air, water, land, and all the living things around us
geography The study of land and water and the way people, plants and animals live on them
natural resources Something found in nature that people use
region An area with common features that set it apart from other areas

Key Questions

1. What does the land look like?

2. What do people do there for fun?

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3. What kinds of communities are in the region?

4. What are some of the big events that happened in your region?
