

## History

Visit: <http://www.oregontrailcenter.org> and find the missing information.

*Click → Historical Trails → Historical Trails → Oregon/California Trails*

1. How long was the trail?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. When did people use it?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. How many people used it?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. How long did the journey take?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Why did people go west?

First for \_\_\_\_\_, then as \_\_\_\_\_, and finally for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Click → The Trek West*

6. Who were these people who left home and went into the wilderness?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Why did a lot of people travel to California after 1848?

\_\_\_\_\_

*Click → The Starting Point*

8. Where did the trail start?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Which animals hauled (pulled) the wagons?

\_\_\_\_\_

*Click → The Wagon*

10. What kind of wagon did most pioneers use?

\_\_\_\_\_

11. What were the main parts of such a wagon?

\_\_\_\_\_

*Click → Mules, Horses or Oxen?*

12. Which of these animals did most pioneers use?

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Why were they better for the job?

\_\_\_\_\_

14. How many did they need to haul one wagon?

\_\_\_\_\_

*Click → Supplies*

15. How were heavy goods (e.g. furniture) transported to Oregon or California?

\_\_\_\_\_

16. What food and which amounts of food did a family of four need?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. How were eggs protected from breaking? \_\_\_\_\_

18. How did they make sure that they had fresh meat and milk?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Click → A Day on the Trail*

19. How far did they travel every day? \_\_\_\_\_

20. The daily routines: \_\_\_\_\_ - The camp is woken up.

5:00 am - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - Breakfast of \_\_\_\_\_

7:00 am - A tr\_\_\_\_\_ signals \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - They stop to eat, drink and rest.

5:00 pm - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8:00 pm - \_\_\_\_\_

*Click → Dangers*

21. What was most dangerous? \_\_\_\_\_

22. What could happen? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

23. What accidents happened most often?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

24. Which disease/illness was most frequent? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Where were the dead often buried? \_\_\_\_\_

26. What was the relationship between Indians and pioneers like?

Some Indians traded and \_\_\_\_\_.

Some tribes \_\_\_\_\_ things from the emigrants.

Indians never \_\_\_\_\_ a large wagon train, but \_\_\_\_\_  
could be in trouble.

Between 1840 and 1860 Indians killed \_\_\_\_\_ emigrants, but emigrants  
killed \_\_\_\_\_ Indians.

## Dreamland California

**Put the following sentences together! (Write or cut out)**

Apples, plums, wheat, corn and cotton ...  
It has an area of ...  
California is famous for ...  
30 million people ...  
California is called ...  
California is a large state ...  
One of the hottest places in the world ...  
... the golden state because ...  
... is Death Valley but you can ..  
... and Silicon Valley,...  
... grow there and ...  
... people love going ...  
... swimming, surfing or sailing in the sun.  
... in the south-west of the U.S.A.  
... more than 400 000 square kilometers.  
... go skiing in the Mammoth Mountains if you like it.  
... white beaches...  
... the centre of computer industry.  
... the Hollywood studios...  
... it is always warm and sunny there  
... and ... the Gold Rush in 1849  
... the very high Redwoods...  
... live in this beautiful state.

**2. Write everything again and put all sentences into correct order!**

**Copy the following text on an extra sheet of paper and fill in the gaps.**

Golden Gate Bridge – 93 – redwood (2x) – Hispanic – Hollywood – Highway No.1 – Spanish – north – Sequoia – earthquake – San Francisco – waterfalls – Asian Americans – buggy – gold – Death Valley – Asian – south – Pacific – wine – Silicon Valley – Yosemite – population
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California is the Golden State on the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. It has the largest \_\_\_\_\_ of all US states. California is known for its alternative lifestyles and new ideas. Almost \_\_\_\_\_ % of the population lives in urban areas and about half live in the greater Los Angeles area. California has large \_\_\_\_\_ (about 30%) and \_\_\_\_\_ (about 10%) populations.

You can find fantastic sandy beaches in the \_\_\_\_\_ and a rocky coastline in the \_\_\_\_\_.

The great \_\_\_\_\_ of 1906 destroyed three fourth of San Francisco. The most recent destructive one was in 1989.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the second longest US suspension bridge across the Golden Gate Strait.

The second oldest national park in the United States is \_\_\_\_\_ National Park.

Since 1890 it protects the big \_\_\_\_\_ or sequoia trees. The giant \_\_\_\_\_ is the tallest tree in the world. It can grow to more than 92 metres tall. The General Sherman Tree is 84 metres tall and 25,3 m in diameter.

In 1890 \_\_\_\_\_ became a national park. It's famous for alpine wilderness, the world's highest and most beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ and the unusual cliffs and rocks.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the hottest and driest area in the USA. Average temperatures run above 48 degrees C.

California is famous for its attractive sports. You can go surfing, inline skating or driving through high sandy dunes in a rented \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ means the American motion-picture industry.

\_\_\_\_\_ is famous for its 40 hills, cable cars and bright houses that cling to the hills.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the most important centre of America's computer and electronics industry.

Californian \_\_\_\_\_ is famous all over the world. This tradition goes back to Spanish monks who planted vineyards in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

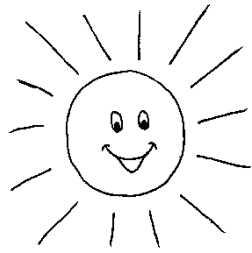
\_\_\_\_\_ are one of the fastest growing ethnic groups in the USA. Lots of immigrants from China, Japan and Asia were hired to work on fruit and wine farms.

\_\_\_\_\_ a scenic route along the Pacific Ocean connects San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In 1848 \_\_\_\_\_ was discovered in a river in California. The gold rush started.

The first Europeans who came to California were the \_\_\_\_\_ who explored the southern coast in 1542. 200 years later Spanish priests established missions along the Pacific coast.

The golden state has also got dark sides: high unemployment, homelessness, high crime rate and environmental problems are some of them.



# California



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1. GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
2. WARNER BROTHERS
3. PACIFIC OCEAN
4. SAN FRANCISCO
5. FILM STUDIOS
6. GOLDEN STATE
7. SANTA MONICA
8. EARTHQUAKE
9. LOS ANGELES
10. DISNEYLAND
11. BOARDWALK
12. WEST COAST
13. WOODFIRES
14. HOLLYWOOD
15. CABLECAR
16. MALIBU
17. VENICE
18. SURFER
19. BEACH
20. SUN

