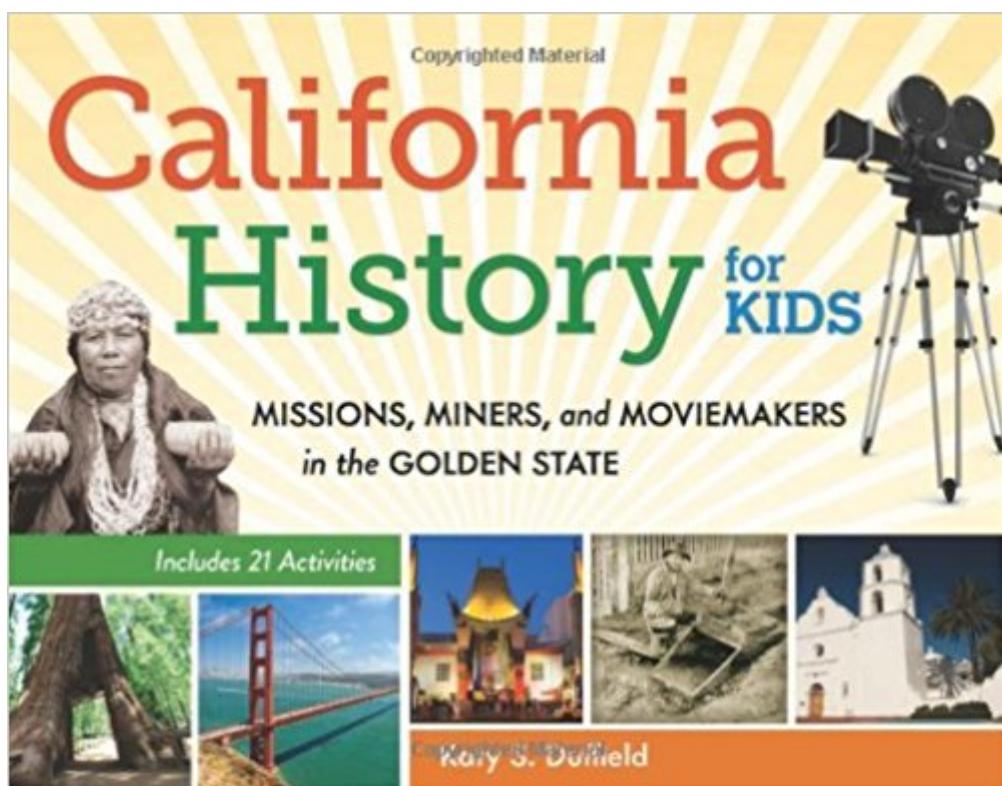


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# California History For Kids: Missions, Miners, And Moviemakers In The Golden State, Includes 21 Activities (For Kids Series)



## Synopsis

The story of California is the story of dreamers—explorers, gold miners, immigrants, ranchers, moviemakers, farmers, and everyday Americans who headed west for a fresh start. The first native inhabitants arrived 9,000 years ago, ancestors of the tribes who would greet the Spanish in the 1700s. Father Junípero Serra later established a chain of missions along the coast, expanding European and Mexican influence. But when gold was discovered in 1848, the rush was on, and two short years later California became a state. After the gold ran out, other rushes followed, from agriculture to industry, Hollywood to Silicon Valley.

California History for Kids includes a time line of significant events, a list of historic sites to visit or explore online, and Web resources for further study. And to get a better idea of the scope of California history and the lives of its citizens, readers can:<sup>\*</sup> create a Chumash rock painting<sup>\*</sup> play the Miwok Hoop-and-Pole game<sup>\*</sup> bake and eathardtack like a gold miner<sup>\*</sup> design a cattle brand<sup>\*</sup> decode a railroad cipher<sup>\*</sup> immortalize their handprints in plaster<sup>\*</sup> assemble an earthquake preparedness kit<sup>\*</sup> and more.

Author Katy Duffield tells the rich story of the men and women who, despite challenges and occasional hardships, settled and built the vibrant cities and bountiful farms, ranches, and orchards of the Golden State.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This broad survey covers California's past from the prehistoric bones found in the La Brea Tar Pits to the departure of the Governor from office in January 2011. Though framed largely in generalities, the narrative does highlight significant figures and historical milestones, and the author conscientiously notes the shabby treatment dealt to the state's Native Americans, Chinese, Japanese, and migrant workers over the past several centuries. The chapters are anchored by 21 crafts projects and enrichment activities of varying involvement and quality, which range from creating a milk-carton "galleon" and designing ones own flag to producing a movie and making a handprint "la Grauman's Chinese Theatre. Period artwork, photos, and sidelight boxes add further detail, and annotated lists of websites and places to visit join a select closing bibliography at the end. Grades 4-7. --John Peters

"[California History for Kids] covers all of the state's history and places it within the larger context of American history, making it a good classroom or library resource." School Library Journal

This book was just what we needed. We are homeschooling a 4th grader in California and we needed a resource for the California unit that would include missions and the Gold Rush. This book not only is solid in the history, but it has neat projects you can use to add more dimension to the learning experience. I checked it out at the library first to preview it and then bought it at . I am glad I did!

students immediately were interested "It had many fun activities for us to do. It taught us about what certain things were used for and how to make our own. "The directions were understandable." " I like it because it is informational and tells all about the history of California." ""It makes the teacher feel more artistic!"

Just started to volunteer at the California History Museum and needed to brush up. Love the book and it has great crafts for the kids.

Great resource for a 4th teacher. Lots of illustrations and photographs. Includes relevant, quality

websites and places to visit. Some activities need to be modified for a classroom versus home.

Fantastic book for children. They love it!

This is a great resource for teaching your children California History. We have really enjoyed the history!

Lots of great information about California! Would definitely recommend as a resource for 4th grade history!

I am a 4th grade teacher in California. I ordered California History for Kids: Missions, Miners, and Moviemakers because I wanted more of an activity approach California History. There are many interesting and fun activities in this book! Most of them are classroom friendly. There are also lots of facts pages that will be helpful for me to refer to for our lessons. I am looking forward to using it with my class! The reasons that I gave the book 4 stars instead of 5 is that some of the activities are not easy to do with a large class, and the written pages are more teacher friendly than child friendly, as I had hoped.

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