

California

California is on the west coast of the United States. It is called “The Golden State.” The state flower is the golden poppy. The state tree is the California redwood tree. The California valley quail is the state bird.

California was named after an island that Spanish explorers had read about. The state capital is Sacramento. People who live in California are called “Californians.”

Farmers in California grow cotton, fruit, vegetables, and nuts. They also raise chickens, beef cattle, and dairy cattle. Fishermen catch tuna, anchovies, and salmon. Mineral products that come from California are oil, natural gas, and gold. Machines, airplanes and wood, and food products are made in California. Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, and Sacramento are cities in the state.

In the Los Angeles area, people go to Disneyland, Knott’s Berry Farm, and Universal Movie Studios. In San Diego, you can go to the biggest zoo in the world. There are also places to see whales, dolphins, and seals put on shows

Death Valley is the lowest place in the United States. The giant redwood trees in California are the largest trees in the world.

People go to San Francisco to ride the cable cars up and down the hills. They can go to Fisherman’s Wharf, Chinatown, and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Many people like to see the part of the state where gold was found in 1849. There are six national parks in the state. The most famous is Yosemite.

The Rose Bowl Parade and the Rose Bowl football game are held in Pasadena every New Year’s Day.

BONUS: Earthquakes happen often in California. On a separate piece of paper, write a short report about earthquakes.

