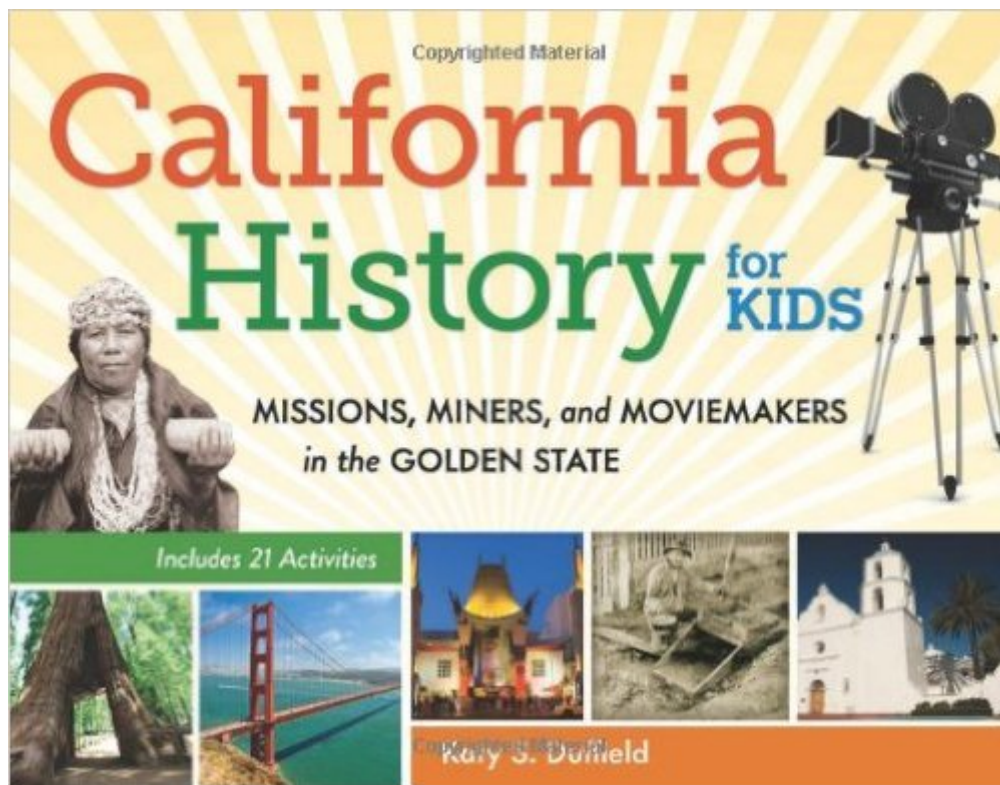


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# California History For Kids: Missions, Miners, And Moviemakers In The Golden State, Includes 21 Activities (For Kids Series)



## 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:

- \* create a Chumash rock painting\*
- \* play the Miwok Hoop-and-Pole game\*
- \* bake and eat hardtack like a gold miner\*
- \* design a cattle brand\*
- \* decode a railroad cipher\*
- \* immortalize their handprints in plaster\*
- \* assemble an earthquake preparedness kit\* 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.

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## Customer Reviews

All native Californians will be proud of their state after reading about its rich history in California History for Kids: Missions, Miners and Moviemakers in the Golden State, Includes 21 Activities. Author Katy S. Duffield set out to introduce middle readers to the history of the Golden State, and she accomplishes that with impressive detail. The book starts with an essential timeline dating from 1.8 million years ago to the present day. Within the book's nine chapters, readers will learn about: the state's first inhabitants, both human and otherwise; the first European settlers; riveting facts about the California Gold Rush; transportation; crops; earthquakes; the Great Depression; the movie industry and the future of California. Among the countless fascinating facts I read, I learned that Southern California has one of the most abundant deposits of Ice Age fossils on earth, that the state has 4.1 million acres of National Parks and an average of 100-150 earthquakes per year! The 21 creative activities in the book include fun and educational projects such as creating a shoebox archaeological dig, whistling Morse Code, producing your own movie and making an air pollution log book. The high quality printing and historic black and white photographs in this book, really make it special. California History for Kids is an indispensable source of information and should be mandatory in all the age-appropriate classrooms in the state. It would also be an excellent holiday gift for a young curious reader, as it's a perfect way to get California children interested in the history of their own state. But it shouldn't stop with children; the whole family will love learning from this intriguing book. I'm a big fan of non-fiction Chicago Review Press books for kids, and this one, like all the others I have read, lives up to my high expectations.

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!

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.

I bought the Kindle version for my own use. The writing is engaging and it has many great activities, but the pictures are blurry and when you zoom in on them, the quality is very poor. Also, it has minor formatting issues throughout for the Kindle. Still, it is a great read and for this non-Californian born, now resident, and a great book to learn what my fourth grade son has learned already.

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