

Resources Available from a Variety of Sources

Bunting, Eve. *A Day's Work*. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1994. ISBN 0395845181. Francisco's grandfather has just come to California and does not speak English. Francisco helps him find work. Hired to weed a new garden, grandfather misunderstands and pulls the new plans instead of the weeds. This painful experience becomes a value lesson for Francisco when Grandfather and his boss work out a solution with honor.

Bunting, Eve. *So Far from the Sea*. Illustrations by Chris K. Soentpiet. New York: Clarion Books, 1998. ISBN 039572095-8. In this story, it is 1972. Fictional young Laura Iwasaki and her family go back to visit the War Relocation Center at Manzanar, California where her father was interned for three and a half years after President Roosevelt signed Executive order 9066. Illustrations depict the present-day visit in color and pictures of the past in black and white.

California Chronicles. Cobblestone Publications: Peterborough, NH. The California Chronicles is a compelling series of booklets that are accessible to fourth grade students. Each 32 page booklet contains a collection of archival photographs, first hand accounts, maps and activities pertaining to California history. The issues pertinent to this unit are:

California in World War II. 1999. ISBN 0382444116.

Hollywood. 2000. ISBN 0382444892

Railroads 1999. ISBN 0382444108

Water 1998. ISBN 0382444086

Gold, Rebecca. *Steve Wozniak, A Wizard Named Woz*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner., 1994. ISBN 0822528819. Wozniak, cofounder of Apple, was the epitome of a precocious kid. At 12, in 1962, he designed and built his first working computer. The ultimate engineer, he really didn't care about money, just making his electronic ideas work. In the late 1980s, long after becoming a millionaire, he went back to college to get a degree.

Harness, Cheryl. *They're Off! The Story of the Pony Express*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996. ISBN 068980523-3. The history of the Pony Express is related from when it began to carry messages across the American West in April 1860 until the telegraph replaced it in October 1861. The adventures of the riders is vividly enhanced by the illustrations.

Lee, Milly. *Nim & the War Effort*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 1997. ISBN 0374355231. In 1943 young Nim wants to win her school's newspaper drive to help the World War II effort. Living in San Francisco with a very traditional grandfather, she does not always have an easy time proving she is an American. With impish humor and persistence, she manages to be both Chinese and American. Compare this with the Japanese children of the time.

Naden, Corrine J. and Rose Blue. *John Muir: Saving the Wilderness*. Brookfield, CT: The Millbrook Press, 1992. This easy-to-read biography of the "father of our national parks" follows Muir from his birthplace in Scotland to Wisconsin and finally California. Re-living adventures of the mountain man, explorer, conservationist, and founder of the Sierra Club, children will develop an appreciation for California's natural wonders.

Petersen, David. *Ishi: The Last of His People*. Chicago: Children's Press, 1991. This short, readable book recounts the story of Ishi and explains the conflict that forced the Yana to live in hiding.

Scott, Victoria, and Ernest Jones. *Sylvia Stark: A Pioneer*. Open Hand, 1991. Sylvia Stark, an African American, traveled across the country with her family in 1850 to seek freedom in California. Fearing the effects of the Dred Scott decision of 1857 and growing hostility to Blacks in California, Sylvia and her husband left Placerville for a new life in Canada. This true story of the courage and determination of an early California pioneer is appropriate for student reading.

Simon, Charnan. *Walt Disney, Creator of Magical Worlds*. New York: Children's Press. 1999. 0516211986. This simple biography has large type and many illustrations, and it explains in clear language concepts (like World War II for which Disney did patriotic films) that other books assume young readers understand. It shows that Disney learned from his failures and was a risk taker from the start.

Weidt, Maryann N. *Mr. Blue Jeans: A Story About Levi Strauss*. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1990. ISBN 0876145888. Illustrated by Lydia Anderson. Weidt's biography traces the life of Levi Strauss, a Jewish immigrant, from a clothing peddler to the founder of the world's largest manufacturer of denim jeans.

Weidt, Maryann N.. *Oh, the Places He Went – Dr. Seuss*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Press., 1994. ISBN 0876146272. Ted Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, lived most of his adult life in California, where he worked in a tower overlooking the acific. Geisel was always one-of-a-kind. The biography is filled with both his eccentricities and his discipline as an artist.

West, Tracey. *Fire in the Valley*. New York: Silver Moon. ISBN 01881889327. Farmers in the Owens Valley learn that Los Angeles has purchased the water rights to much of their valley, threatening the viability of their farms. Sarah devises a plan to help the situation, but ultimately, the growing giant of Los Angeles gets the water.

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by Karen Adler. California grows more grapes than any other state and this book follows grape growing through a year. It includes little gems of information like how the padres brought grapes to California.....

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by Eve Bunting. Building San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge in the 1930s is a spectacular feat watched by thousands of people....

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by Jennifer Choldenko. Although this is primarily for older kids, I would be remiss if I didn't mention this exceptional Newbery Honor novel about life on Alcatraz Island in the 1930s...

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by Sammie Garnett, Jerry Pallotta, Rob Bolster. The Navy became a huge presence in California during WWII....

Visual and Performing Arts

"*California's Gold*." VHS, PBS Los Angeles, 1991-1995. This video series explores topics in California history and aspects of every-day life in the state. "*California's Gold*" consists of five video sets, each of which contains 12 programs. A teacher's guide for each set gives an overview of programs within the set and suggests various resources and interactive instructional strategies.

A sample of programs that support this unit of study include Weedpatch Camp (aired Dec. 13, 2000) and Citrus Industry (aired Dec. 6, 2000). This valuable resource for teachers and may be ordered from the California Department of Education, 1-800-995-4099 or KCET at (800) 266-5727.

California at War. Through exclusive historic footage and first person accounts, this DVD takes you on a ride through the 1940s as America went to war. Follow the epic story of how California became front and center on the world stage: from Japanese sub attacks off California's coast to the round up of Japanese to the unique role Hollywood played on and off the screen. It is the war that changed California; the war that California helped win. The running time is 56:34, but it can be shown in 5 separate segments. Available from www.kcet.org. To view the show online, go to <http://www.kcet.org/californiaatwar/index.php>

Guthrie, Woodie. *Dust Bowl Ballads*. New York: Buddha Records 744659 97242. This new CD release of songs first recorded in 1940 paints a vivid portrait of American life during the Depression. Digitally enhanced, the folk songs chronicle everyday people and how they faced both drought and depression. Many of the songs mention moving to California. The ballads reflect the optimism that things can change for the better.

**McNeil, Keith and Rusty. "*California Songs with Historical Narrative, Volume II*." ISBN 1-878360-22-1. WEM Records. 16230 Van Buren Blvd. Riverside, CA 92504. These two compact discs provide the perfect supplement for this unit. The total playing time is 1 hour 40 minutes. Listen to the selections in advance to plan which ones you want to use. The historical narrative helps students complete the graphic organizers used in the unit.

**California Water Map*. Water Education Foundation. 717 K Street, Suite 517, Sacramento, CA 95814. (916) 444-6240. This 24" x 37" full-color map features natural and man-made water resources throughout the state. Water facilities are color-coded to indicate federal, state or locally-funded projects and "wild and scenic" river systems. Also recommended is the brochure *Water Facts* which is available at 100 or more for \$.20 each.