



Atlas Inquiry #3

Explorers, Adventurers, and Settlers

The history of Europeans in California began in the 1500s. Explorers came in search of new resources and new trade routes. They also came to claim colonial territory for Spain, despite the fact that the land they claimed was already occupied by the many indigenous peoples of California. Those explorers were followed by missionaries, miners, and settlers looking for a better life for themselves. Each of these groups of people interacted with the land and shaped the place we now know as California.

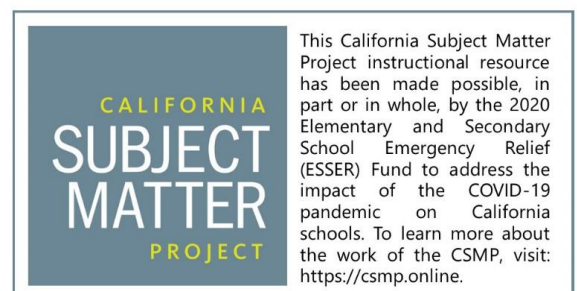
We are going to use the maps in the atlas to gather information and respond to this question:

- **What routes were used by the explorers, missionaries, miners, and settlers who came to California?**

Use the graphic organizer provided to record information you gather from the maps.



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Atlas Inquiry Note-taking Guide

Inquiry Question: What routes were used by the explorers, missionaries, miners, and settlers who came to California?

Supporting questions:

Page #	What types of information or evidence do you find on this map?	What kinds of connections or relationships do you see between the information on these pages?	How would you answer the inquiry question, or what else would you want to know to answer the inquiry question?
22	<i>Hint: Consider how routes changed over time.</i>		
20/21	<i>Hint: Note dates of mission construction.</i>		
24	<i>Hint: Some routes were over land, others by sea.</i>		
	<i>Hint: Choose another page that provides information about early history of the state.</i>		