

## Atlas Inquiry #5 Native Americans in California

Native peoples have been occupying the land we now call California for thousands of years. Many cultures, languages, and territories existed in the state long before explorers, missionaries, miners, and settlers came from far away. The arrival of Europeans and other new people changed life forever for the Native Americans of California. They lost control of their land and had to adapt to new laws that the newcomers established.

We are going to use the maps in the atlas to gather information and respond to these questions:

- What led to the first contacts between Native American populations and new immigrants to California?
- How do Native American routes established a long time ago relate to modern transportation systems in the state?

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



Get access to the atlas and related materials at <a href="https://www.calgeography.org">www.calgeography.org</a>



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## Atlas Inquiry Note-taking Guide

Inquiry Question: What led to the first contacts between Native America populations and new immigrants 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?		
18	Hint: Native American groups in California may use different names than you see on the map.				
21	Hint: The Spanish used El Camino Real to travel between missions.				
25	Hint: Compare locations of gold to location of missions.				
	Hint: Choose another page that provides information about how the arrival of new people to California impacted Native Americans.				

Inquiry Question: How do Native American routes established a long time ago relate to modern transportation systems in the state?					
Suppor	ting 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?		
	Hint: The environment of California was different before the arrival of settlers.				
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	Hint: Compare with previous page				
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	Hint: Some old rail lines are still used, others are not.				
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	Hint: Choose another page that provides information about routes that people used to move around California.				