

# Exploration & Early Settlement



**Let's reflect on the history of exploration and settlement in California.**

**Native Californians have lived in California for thousands of years. The map on page 22 of the atlas is titled "Exploration and Early Settlement." Who is doing the exploration and settling referred to in the map?**

**Explore page 22 of the atlas to get more information...**

**Write your answer, explain your thinking, or ask new questions**

**How did the two earliest explorers travel?  
How did this mode of travel limit what they learned about the territory of California?**

**Which explorers traveled on land, using routes that stayed mostly within the area that would be settled by 1850?**

***Did you know:** In 1776, Spanish military officer Juan Bautista de Anza led more than 240 men, women, and children on an epic journey across the frontier of New Spain to establish the first non-Native settlement in what is now California. The journey from San Miguel de Horcasitas, Sonora, Mexico to the shores of the San Francisco Bay took over five months. The settlement they called Yerba Buena later became San Francisco.*

**Compare the routes of Portola and Anza to the routes followed by later explorers Smith and Fremont.**

Which ones...	Portola & Anza	Smith & Fremont
...followed a route close to the coastline?		
...traveled through much of the Central Valley?		
...crossed through mountainous areas?		
...crossed California's southern border?		
...crossed California's eastern border?		

**Why do you think these explorers followed different routes?**