

California's Territory



Geographer's Notebook

Let's clear up any confusion between the terms *country* and *county*!

- The State of California is part of the independent country of the United States of America.
- The state is divided into smaller areas with their own local governments. Each smaller area is called a county.

Refer to page 26 to examine the territorial changes in California.

Compare the two maps on the top row.
What changed between July 10 and September 17, 1821 according to the two maps?

Compare the maps on the second row.
What changed between October 1824 and February 1848 according to the two maps?

Are any of the states that border California older than California?

Name the three different countries of which California has been a part.

Refer to page 27 to examine California's county boundaries.

How many counties were added *after* California was first established?

Which counties have a northern border that follows the line of 42° North latitude?

Which county is largest, by area?

Which county only shares a land border with one other county?

With how many counties does Sutter County share a border?

Fill in this table with information about your county.

Name

Population in 2018

Counties with shared borders