Railroad Development



Refer to page 28 for information about the history of the railroad system in California. Note that the map gives information about where there were active railroad tracks at four different points in time.

In what year did these things first happen: 1870, 1880, 1915, or 2013?

Event	Year
Trains cross into California across its eastern border with Nevada.	
Trains serve the city of Needles along the Colorado River.	
Active railroad tracks reach Redding at the northern extreme of the Great Central Valley.	
Passengers can ride trains into coastal cities of Eureka, Santa Barbara, and San Diego.	

What city lost its railroad service between 1915 and 2013?	
Where in the state was new railroad track added between 1915 and 2013?	
Immigrants from what country were essential in building California's railroads?	

Federal Lands

Did you know? The amount of a state's land that is owned by the federal government can range from a low of 0.3% (Connecticut) to a high of 80.1% (Nevada)			
Refer to page 29 to see the location and types of lands owned by the federal government.			
What types of federal land exist in your county?			
Compare page 29 to the Physiographic Region map on page 13.			
Name a National Park in the Sierra Nevada region.			
Name a National Park in the Basin and Range region.			
Name a Physiographic Region with a lot of federal land.			
Name a Physiographic Region with little federal land.			

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