



Around California with Children's Books:

A History of the Golden State

by Rea Berg

Topic: California History and Cultural Studies

Grade Level

4-6

Number of
Lessons

80

Estimated Time
per Lesson

1 HR

Years to
complete

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Time Period Studied:



Subjects Covered:



HISTORY
California



GEOGRAPHY
California and the western United States



NATURE STUDY
Indigenous plants and animals



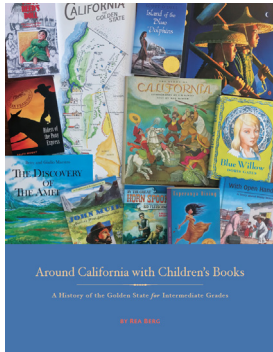
CULINARY HISTORY
Historical recipes



ART STUDY

Booklist

In Reading Order



*Around California with
Children's Books Teacher Guide*
by Rea Berg

THE ICE AGE

The Discovery of the Americas
by Giulio and Betsy Maestro

Once Upon a Mastadon by Bonnie Worth

THE CALIFORNIA INDIANS

California Indians by Elizabeth Sonneborn

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Adopted By Indians
by Thomas Jefferson Mayfield

DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION

The Cruise of the Arctic Star by Scott O'Dell

The Story of California by May McNeer

THE MISSION ERA

*Junipero Serra: Founder of the
California Missions* by Linda Gondosch

Song of the Swallows by Leo Politi

PATHFINDERS AND PIONEERS

Patty Reed's Doll: The Story of the Donner Party
by Rachel Laurgaard

Jessie Benton Fremont: California Pioneer
by Marguerite Higgins

THE GOLD RUSH AND THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD

By The Great Horn Spoon! by Sid Fleischman

Riders of the Pony Express by Ralph Moody

John Muir: America's First Environmentalist
by Kathryn Lasky

With Open Hands: A Story about Biddy Mason
by Jeri Chase Ferris

Coolies by Yin

Locomotive by Brian Floca

Forest in the Trees by Connie McLennan

THE 20TH CENTURY TO CONTEMPORARY

Blue Willow by Doris Gates

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Who Was Walt Disney? by Whitney Stewart

Who Was Steve Jobs? by Pam Pollack

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