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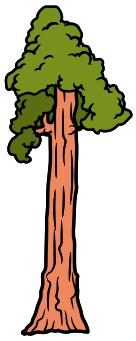
State Nickname: The Golden State

The Capitol of California is Sacramento.

The state tree is the Coast Redwood (and Giant Sequoia).



The state bird is the California Quail.

FUN FACTS:

When you visit California, you can surf at the beach and ski in the mountains—sometimes on the same day!

Death Valley, California, is the hottest place on Earth!

Tech giants like Apple, Google, and Facebook started in Silicon Valley, California.

California's state motto is "Eureka," which means "I have found it!" It comes from the Gold Rush days, when people were excited to find gold and build new lives in California.

The state flower is the California Poppy.

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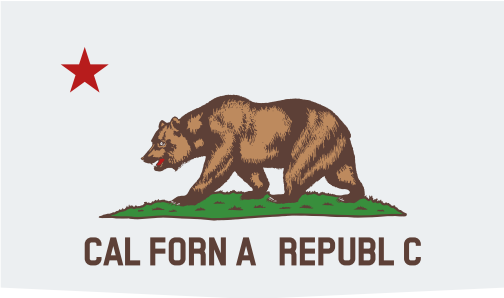
Established: September 9, 1850

California's flag is called the Bear Flag and shows a big grizzly bear walking on grass with a red star above it. The bear stands for strength, and the flag reminds people of California's fight to become its own state.



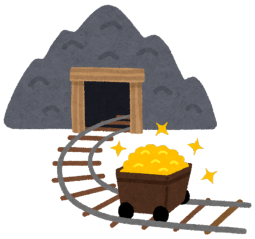
STATE FACTS:

- **Square Miles: 163,695**
- **3rd Largest State**
- **Largest City: Los Angeles**
- **280 State Parks**
- **Highest Point: 14,505 feet, Mount Whitney**

CALIFORNIA GOLD FACTS

During the Gold Rush, people came from all over hoping to find gold and shouted “Eureka!” which means “I have found it!”

California is called "The Golden State" because of the Gold Rush in 1849.



Some towns in California still have old gold mines you can visit and even try panning for gold yourself!

Disneyland, the very first Disney theme park, opened in California in 1955 and has become one of the most magical places in the world where kids and families can meet their favorite characters and go on amazing rides!