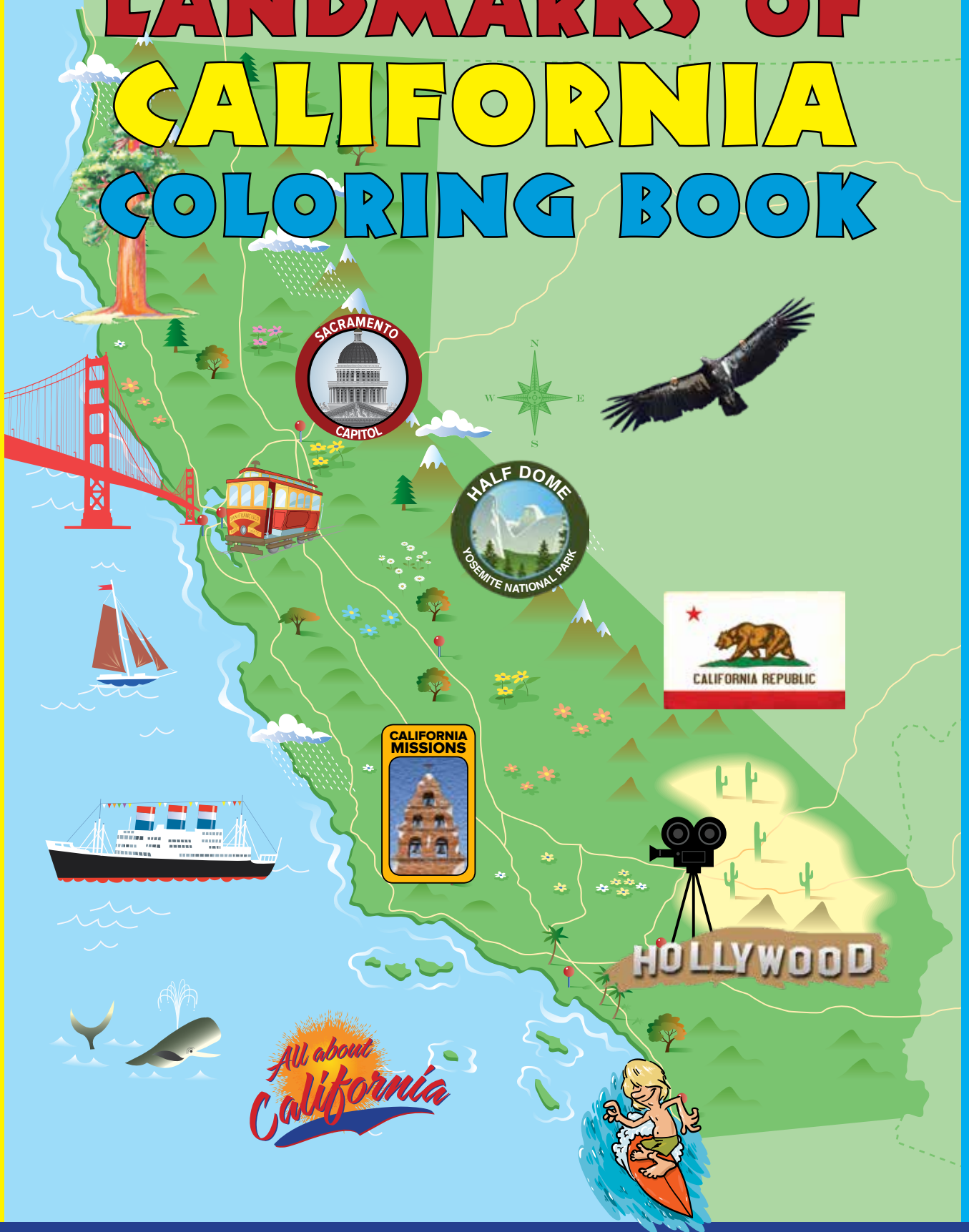


LANDMARKS OF CALIFORNIA COLORING BOOK



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LANDMARKS OF CALIFORNIA

This coloring book is provided to local school children with the hope that California's youth will learn the history of California and its notable landmarks.

From big cities to small towns, from hot deserts to snow-capped mountains, from the redwood forests to the waters of the Pacific Ocean, California is one of the most beautiful and interesting states in the United States.

This coloring book is designed to be a fun way for children to learn about the Golden State!

All about California

California became the 31st state to join the United States of America on September 9, 1850.

Almost 14,500 feet above sea level, Mount Whitney is the highest point in California and the continental United States.

Larger than any other bird in North America, the California condor resides in Central Coastal California. It has a wing span of almost 10 feet.

In 1879, Sacramento was named California's permanent state capital.

Forests occupy almost 34 million acres in California.

Only in California can you find the highest and the lowest points in the continental United States.

Redwood trees in California are the largest living organisms in the world.

Nicknamed the "Golden State," California has a long association with gold, starting with the 1848 gold rush.

In Sacramento, the California Railroad Museum is the largest of its kind in North America.

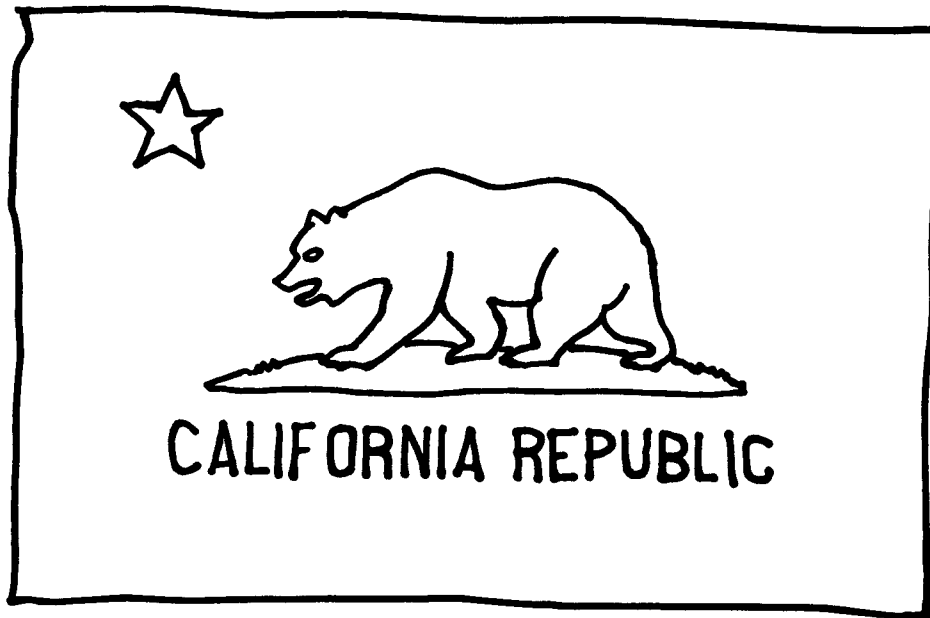
At 282 feet below sea level, Death Valley has the lowest elevation in North America.



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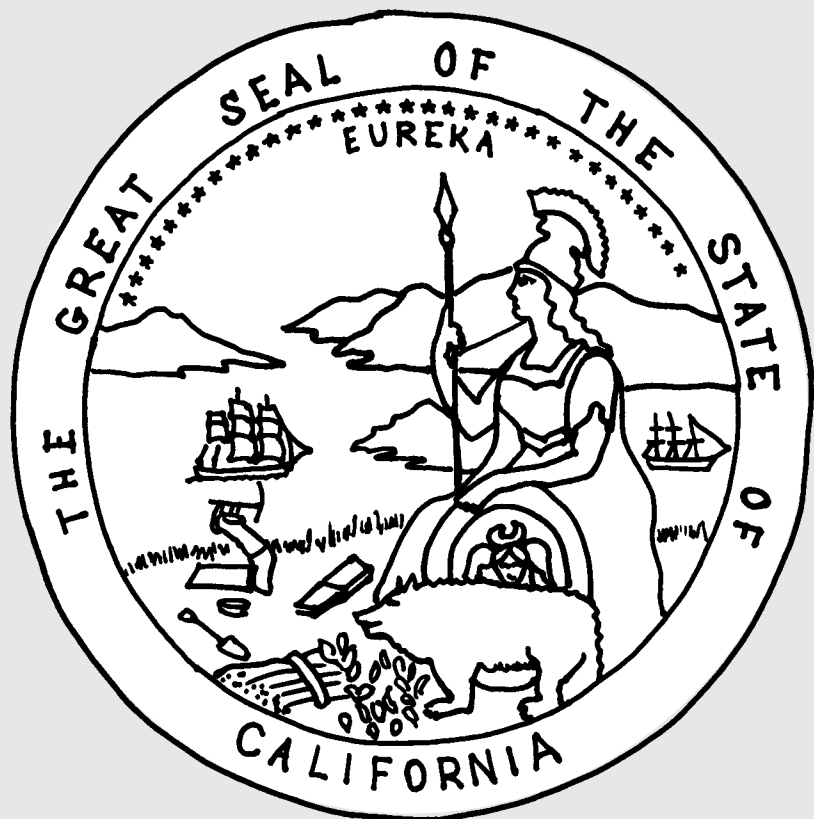
Flags are symbols of a person or group of people.

They can represent schools, clubs, political groups, religious organizations, or almost any group of people that like the same things.



SEAL

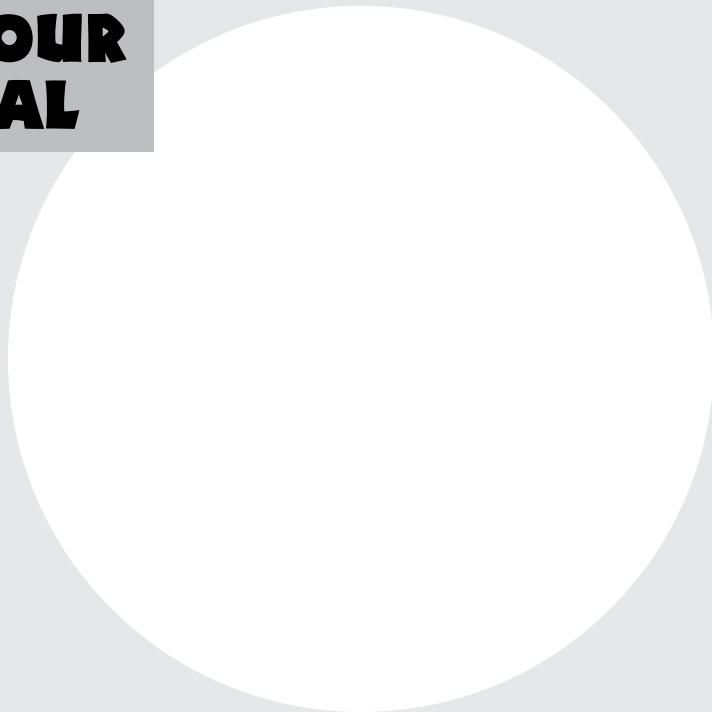
A seal is a mark or symbol that is stamped onto important legal documents.



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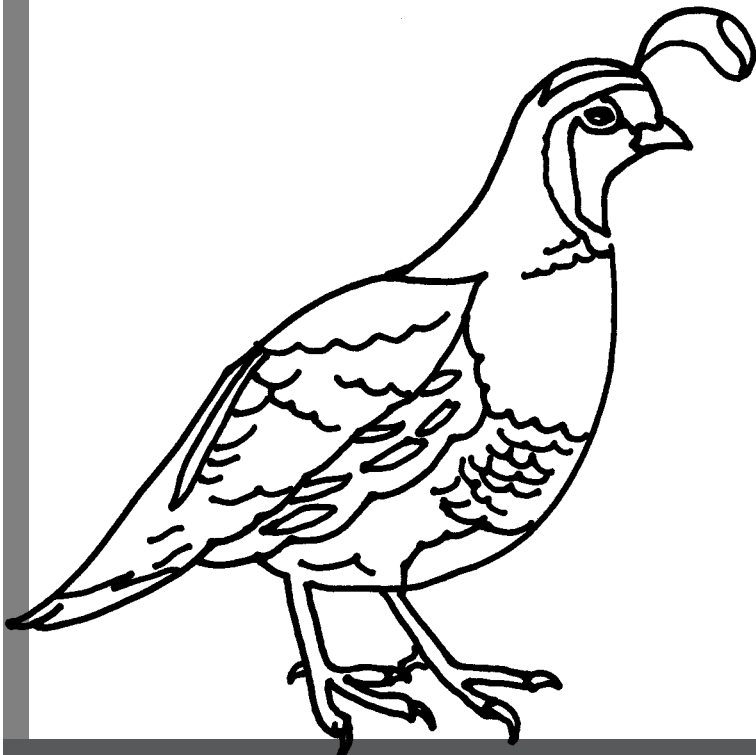
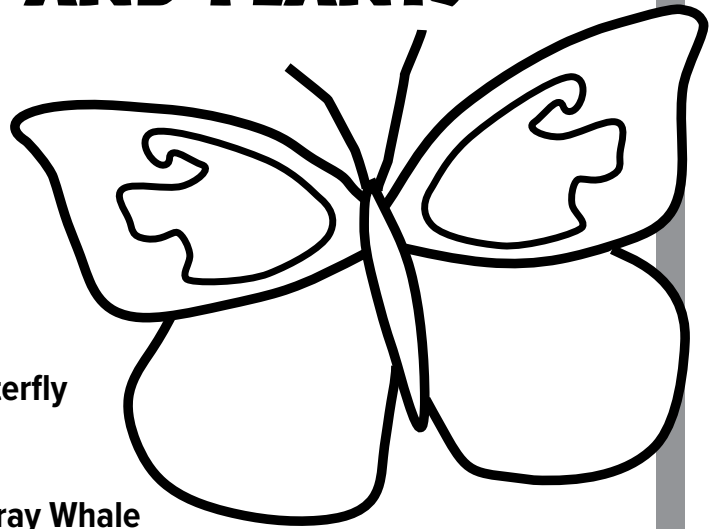
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STATE ANIMALS AND PLANTS

- State Animal – **The California Grizzly Bear**
- State Bird – **The California Quail**
- State Fish – **The Golden Trout**
- State Flower – **The California Poppy**
- State Grass – **Purple Needlegrass**
- State Insect – **The California Dogface Butterfly**
- State Marine Fish – **The Garibaldi**
- State Marine Mammal – **The California Gray Whale**
- State Marine Reptile – **The Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle**
- State Reptile – **The Desert Tortoise**
- State Tree – **The California Redwood**

Can you create your own state symbol?
How about a State Dog? Thanks to
the efforts of schoolchildren in
Anchorage, Alaska, the official state
dog is now the Alaskan Malamute.



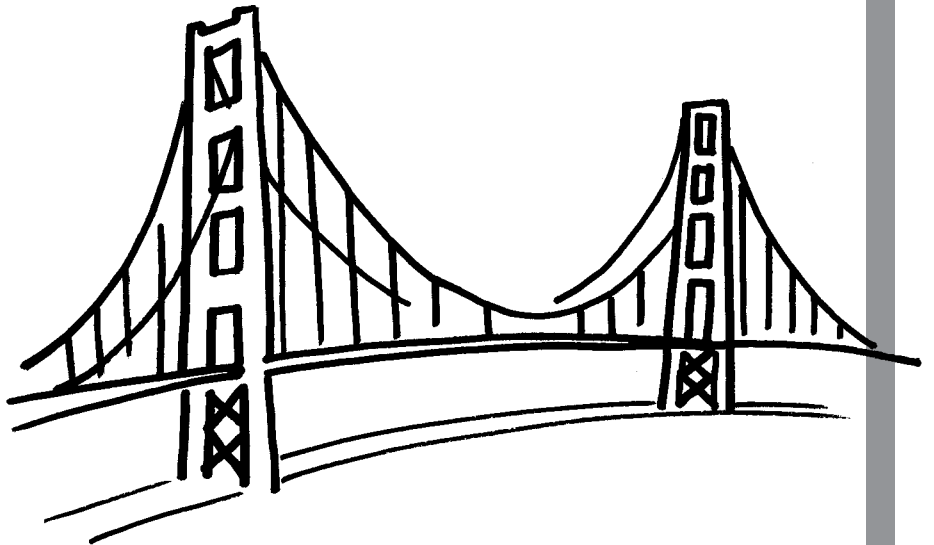


REDWOODS

The California redwood is the largest tree on Earth, with an average life span of 1,200-1,800 years. They can grow to be as tall as 300 feet!

It takes 50 years for them to grow from a seed to 100 feet tall!

Redwood trees have few natural enemies, which allows them to grow so tall and so old.



GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

One of California's most famous landmarks, the bridge was named one of the "Seven Wonders of the Modern World" in 1994.

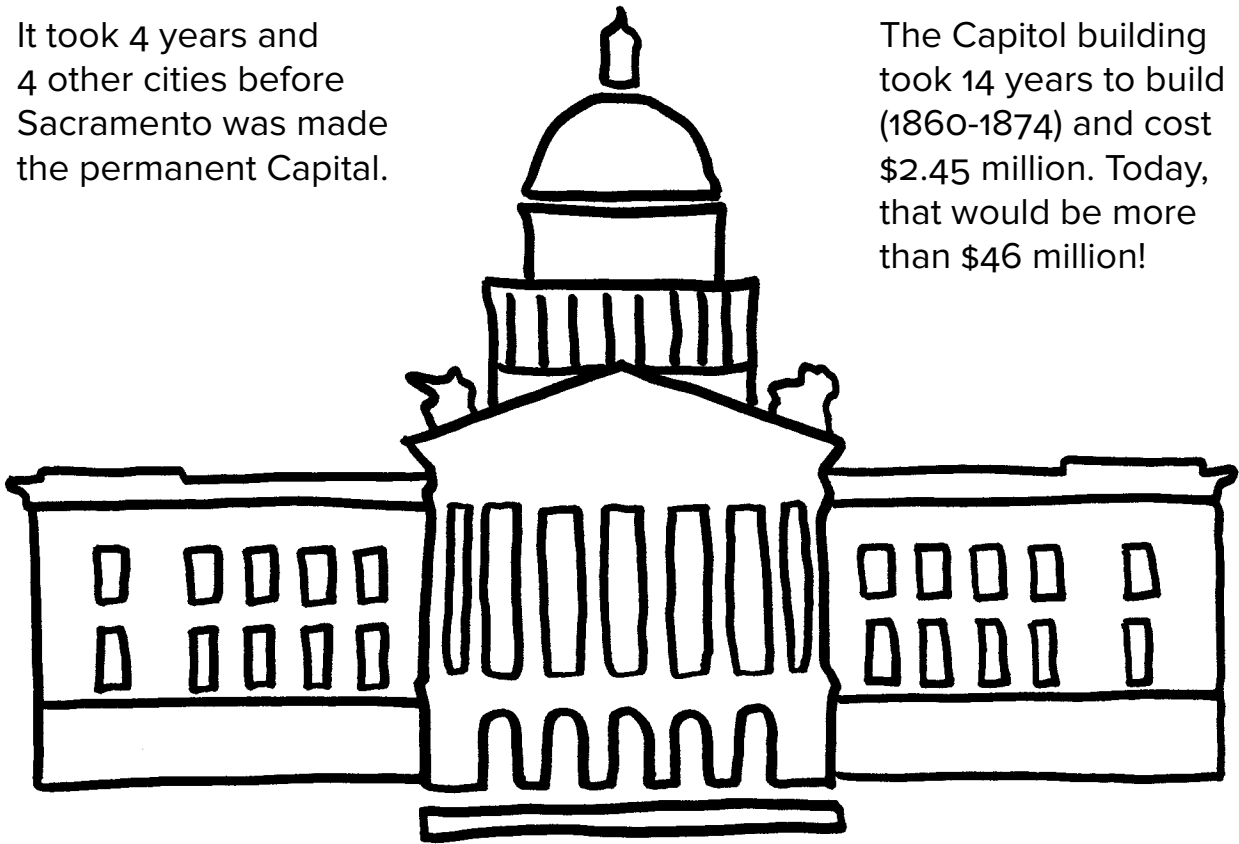
The bridge is painted in "International Orange." The color was chosen because of its ability to blend with the surrounding landscape, and to improve its visibility in the fog.

The bridge was made to handle 8-point earthquakes and 90 mph winds. That's one strong bridge!

CAPITOL BUILDING

A capitol building is where a state government meets.

It took 4 years and 4 other cities before Sacramento was made the permanent Capital.



The Capitol building took 14 years to build (1860-1874) and cost \$2.45 million. Today, that would be more than \$46 million!



YOSEMITE

This national park was the first area of land to be set aside by the US government for preservation and protection and is now one of the most beautiful areas of untouched wilderness.

Over 3 million people visit Yosemite every year.

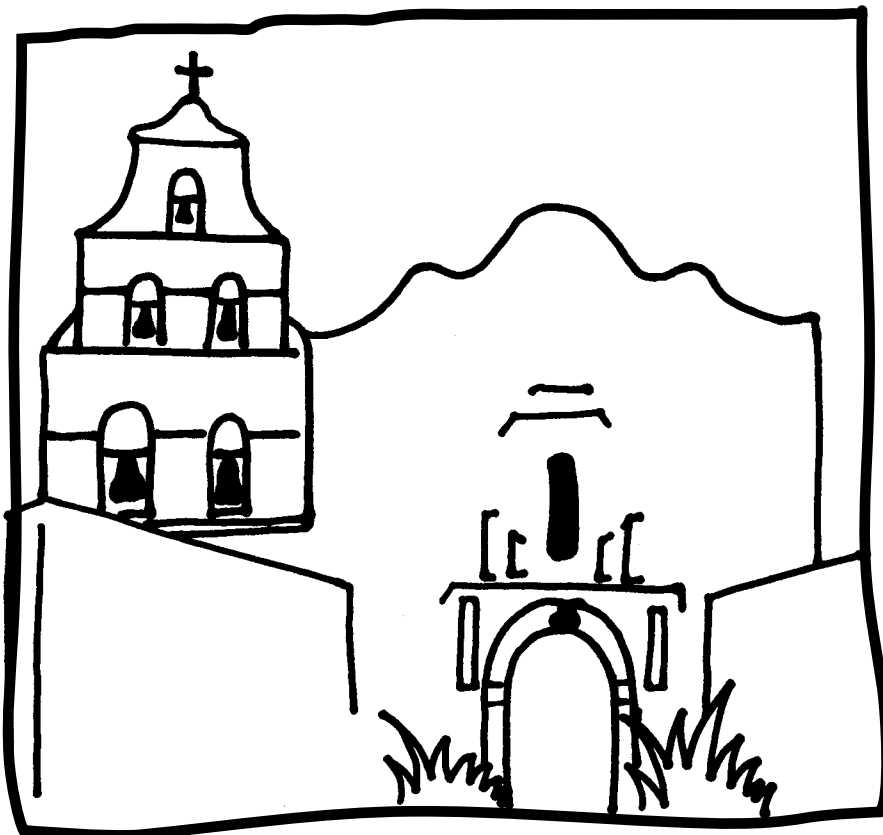
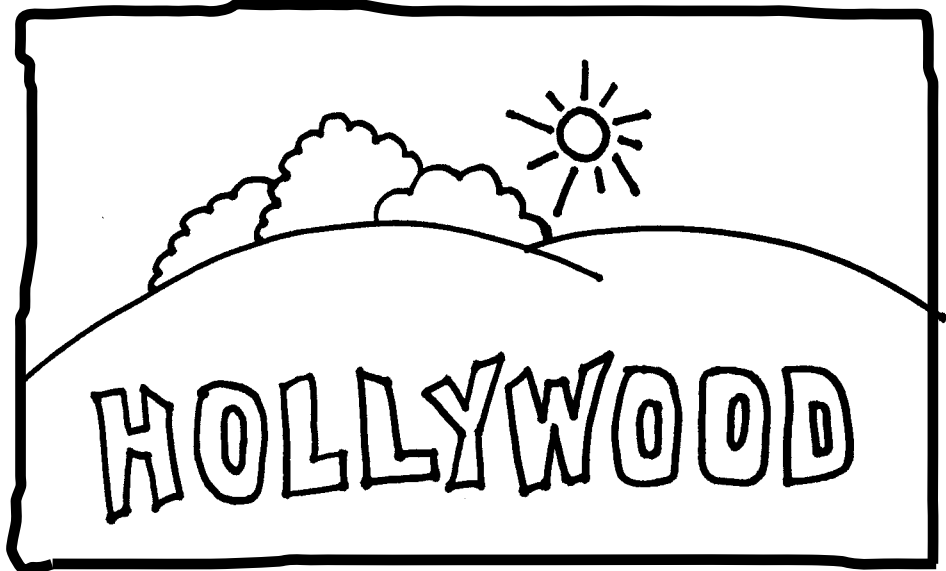
Yosemite Falls is the highest waterfall in North America.

HOLLYWOOD SIGN

The sign was first created in 1923 to advertise housing, not movies.

It read as "HOLLYWOODLAND" until 1949; in 1973, it was named a historical landmark.

Over 4,000 light bulbs lit up the original sign. One person was in charge of replacing the bulbs whenever they burnt out.



MISSIONS

Twenty-one missions were built between 1769-1835, near or along a coastal road called the El Camino Real (The Royal Road).

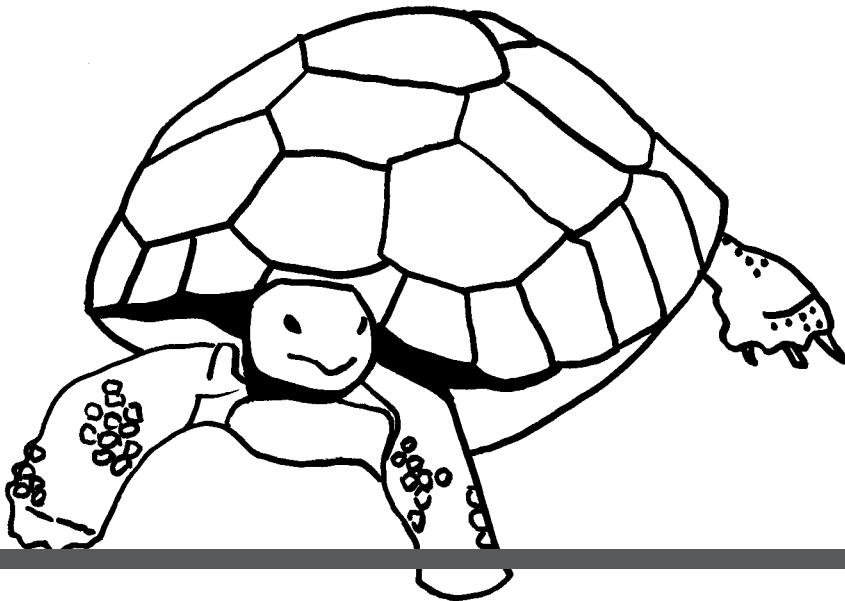
The first mission was built in San Diego in 1769; it was rebuilt 4 times.

At San Juan Capistrano, swallows return every Spring from their wintering grounds, over 2,000 miles away!

WORD SEARCH

Bridge Flag California Seal Tree Capitol State

C	A	D	Z	G	J	Y	M	E	F
A	A	X	F	N	Q	S	E	A	L
P	R	L	T	S	T	C	W	C	A
I	Q	U	I	H	N	R	V	Y	G
T	Z	B	J	F	E	A	E	O	B
O	K	D	C	G	O	I	L	E	Z
L	P	V	D	E	Z	R	J	S	U
T	D	I	A	Y	B	T	N	B	G
H	R	Z	F	O	X	E	V	I	L
B	P	R	S	T	A	T	E	W	A



CALIFORNIA MIX AND MATCH

Match the letters in "CALIFORNIA" to the words listed below that start with each letter ("CURIOUS" – C).

Can you think of other words that describe California?

C	_____	_____	_____	_____
A	_____	_____	_____	_____
L	_____	_____	_____	_____
I	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Legendary Artistic Inspiring Noble Friendly Respectful Legislative
Open-minded Industrious Adventurous Remarkable Amazing Original

RESOURCES

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www.ca.gov

www.statelocalgov.net

www.sjpl.org/kidscalifornia

www.educate-ca.org/kids/

www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov

