

Our Golden State

Name _____

Date _____

Research Roadmap

Prepare

1. BEFORE YOU START
Make sure you review the meaning of the key words.
2. LOOK AT THE CASE STUDY
Many people who moved to California during the 1800s risked death from illnesses. Often, the illness could not be treated on the trail or in the settlers' new homes.
3. CHOOSE A TOPIC
Use the TOPIC FINDER to decide on a general topic. Find a risk that you would like to talk about, then research why it was a risk for people moving to California.
4. RESEARCH
Explore your topic using the RESEARCH LINKS.
5. PREPARE
Write the story you will tell on index cards. Rehearse your talk at least once.

Present

Read your story for the class. Be sure to discuss how your risk was important to people moving out West, and the effect it had.

Key Terms

Bear Flag Revolt The first battle fought by Californians to be free from Mexico
compromise An agreement
discrimination An unfair difference in the way people are treated
isthmus A narrow stretch of land with water on both sides
recruiter Someone who finds workers for an employer

Key Questions

1. Describe your talk.

What important fact will you include? _____

What caused the dangers you discuss? _____

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Predict: What technologies of today could end the risks of California in the 1800s?

2. What will be you say in your talk? What were some effects of the danger?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. Where did you find information for your story?
