

Chapter 1 The Discovery of California

Explorers and Conquistadors

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1. Fill in the blanks of the sentences below with the correct word from the box.

Francisco Ulloa	Queen Isabel	Christopher Columbus	Indians
pearls	Asia	conquistadors	Hernán Cortés
priests	gold	Spain	America
Mexico	Baja	Santa Cruz	California

- In 1492, _____ mistakenly discovered the Americas, when he was trying to go to _____.
- The Spanish _____ were looking for _____ in the Americas.
- The Spanish brought _____ with them who were supposed to teach the Indians about Christ and the Church.
- _____ conquered the gold-rich city of Tenochtitlán which was the capital of the mighty Aztec empire of _____.
- In 1533, the Spanish sailed up the western coast of Mexico and discovered _____ California.

2. Match the columns.

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| A. baja | [] | a large piece of land, not islands |
| B. peninsula | [] | conqueror and explorer |
| C. Santa Cruz | [] | explorer who discovered that California was not an island |
| D. conquistador | [] | brother or friar |
| E. Calafia | [] | upper |
| F. fray | [] | a mythical warrior queen |
| G. mainland | [] | land with water on two sides |
| H. Gulf of California | [] | lower |
| I. alta | [] | “Holy Cross,” the first Spanish settlement in California |
| J. Ulloa | [] | finger of sea separating Baja California from the rest of Mexico |

3. Columbus arrived in America in 1492. Cortés conquered Tenochtitlán in 1521. How many years were between those events? _____ years.

4. Retell the legendary story of Calafia in words or pictures.



5. Imagine you discovered a new island off the coast of California. What would you name it? Make up a legend that you would tell everyone who came to settle on your island. Think about what kind of people and animals lived there at one time. Are there any traces of them left? Are there any ruins on your island you could show to newcomers? Are there any unsolved mysteries? Tell your story in words or pictures. Use a separate piece of paper if you need more room.

A large empty rectangular box for writing or drawing.

Cabrillo Discovers Another California

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1. Circle the word or phrase in **bold** that correctly completes each sentence in the paragraph.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, ships sailed around Cape **[Horn/ Horror]** at southern tip of **[Africa/ South America]** to get from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Since it was a long and **[boring/ dangerous]** journey, people hoped that a **[peninsula/ strait]** would be discovered that cut across North America from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In 1542, the viceroy of New Spain (Mexico) sent Captain Juan **[Cabrillo/ Canoas]** up the **[Atlantic/ Pacific]** coast of Mexico to find such a passage. As the captain sailed along the coast, he named places he discovered after **[himself and his friends/ saints and mysteries of the Catholic faith]**. He saw many wonders and met **[many/ no]** California natives, but he did not discover a passage across North America. He claimed California for the king of **[Spain/ Mexico]**.

2. Match the columns.

- A. savannah [] corn
- B. cape [] bay in California shaped like a long, bent finger
- C. sierra [] official who represents a king
- D. strait [] large, flat area with grass and few trees
- E. viceroy [] California coastal mountains
- F. maize [] narrow water passage between two larger bodies of water
- G. Bahía San Miguel [] large land area that sticks out into the sea
- H. Sierra San Martín [] mountain range

3. Draw a picture of the Indians or something else Cabrillo saw on his journey.

A Pirate Comes to California

(pg. 9)

Check the words or phrases that describe Francis Drake.

- wanted to spread the Catholic Faith
- pirate
- conquistador
- worked for Queen Elizabeth I
- "dragon"
- searched for spices and gold
- plundered Spanish towns and ships along the coast of the Americas
- founded English settlements in California
- drew maps of the areas he explored
- destroyed statues and stole items from Catholic churches
- explored the area north of San Francisco
- English Protestant
- knighted
- killed by the native peoples in San Francisco
- discovered a passage from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean

You may call me "Sir."



On to Monterey

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1. Fill in the blanks in the sentences below using words from the box.

fertile	Indians	Galleon	execute	Franciscan
priests	Vizcaíno	Spain	Carmelite	friendly
Mexico	Mass	San Diego	Monterey	reward
game	pirates	soldiers	port	gold
Mendoza	food	200	2,000	hostile

- a. King Felipe III of Spain wanted to have a Spanish settlement in California to protect the Manila _____ from dreaded _____.
- b. King Felipe sent Sebastián _____ to establish the Spanish settlement.
- c. Four _____ priests went along to preach the Gospel to the Indians.
- d. The Indians became violent when the Spanish _____ treated them cruelly.
- e. The Spanish settlement at La Paz was abandoned because of the unfriendliness of the _____ and because of the lack of _____.



Name _____ Date _____

- f. King Felipe gave Vizcaíno a second chance, but warned him that he would _____ any man who was cruel to the Indians.
- g. On his second voyage, Vizcaíno took three _____ priests and _____ sailors and soldiers with him.
- h. At each place the Spaniards landed, they built a hut in which the priests could say _____.
- i. Vizcaíno met many _____ natives on the coast of Alta California, and the land was _____ and had plenty of wild _____.
- j. When Vizcaíno returned to _____, the viceroy was very happy with his reports.
- k. Vizcaíno wanted to return to the Bay of _____ and establish a settlement, but the Spanish government decided that a _____ in Alta California was not needed after all.

2. Below is a list of places in California. Number them in the order in which Vizcaíno visited or passed by them.



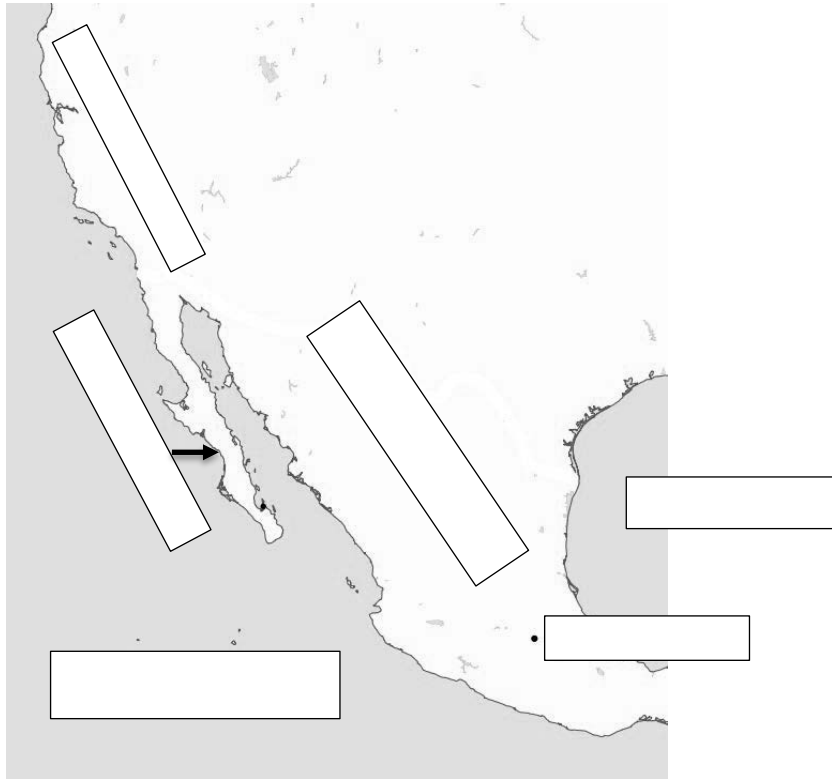
- _____ Cape Mendocino
- _____ Carmel
- 1 La Paz
- _____ Las Canoas
- _____ Monterey
- _____ Point Concepción
- _____ San Diego
- _____ Santa Catalina

3. Carefully reread "How to Number Centuries" on page 6 in your textbook, then answer the questions below.

- a. Did Columbus discover America in the 14th or 15th century? _____
- b. Did Cortés conquer the Aztecs in the 15th or 16th century? _____
- c. Did Vizcaíno land in Monterey in the 16th or 17th century? _____
- d. In what year were you born? _____ What century were you born in? _____
- e. Ask your teacher in what year she or he was born. What century is it? _____
- f. In what year was your mother born? _____ What century is it? _____
- g. The first man landed on the moon in 1969. What century was that? _____

4. Label the following places on the map:

- Pacific Ocean
- New Spain
- Mexico City
- Baja California
- Alta California
- Gulf of Mexico



5. Write one word in each oval to describe what the first Spanish explorers found in California.

