

Dear Parents,

In class we are working on our regions of California unit learning how diverse our state really is! In order to make this a memorable unit, students will be creating regional maps using materials brought in from home. Students will learn about each of California's four regions in class. (The four regions of California are the coast, mountain, valley, and desert.) Then they will be asked to think about what stands out to them about these regions or what these regions mean to them. The materials brought in should represent each of the four regions and any materials brought in should be small enough to be glued on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of cardstock (provided in class).

An example of what a student could bring in would be:

Valley-grass

Mountain-tree bark

Coast-sea shells

Desert-sand

Please be as creative as possible when helping your students select materials! Students must be able to verbalize why they chose their materials. All materials are due in class on \_\_\_\_\_.

Students will be graded on a rubric as follows:

Student brought in materials on time: \_\_\_\_ /5

Materials corresponded with regions: \_\_\_\_ /5

Student was able to explain why materials were chosen: \_\_\_\_ /20

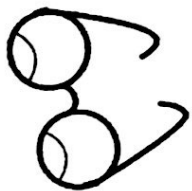
(5 points per region)

Project was neat and showed effort: \_\_\_\_ /5

Thank you,

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# California Regions Project



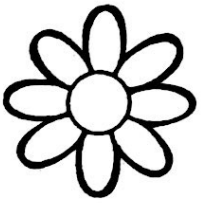
I chose the following items to represent our four regions::

\_\_\_\_\_ for coast because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for mountain because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for valley because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for desert because \_\_\_\_\_



I can list an important detail about each region:

**Coast:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mountain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Valley:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Desert:** \_\_\_\_\_