



The California Museum Gallery Guide



California is the land of superlatives. It is home to the tallest, largest, and oldest living things in the world. California not only has the largest population in the U.S., but also has the 5th largest economy in the world. Tour the galleries to discover what is unique about the great state of California.

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Visit the **California's Remarkable Women** exhibit. Name one woman and briefly explain her contribution to shape the California that we know today.



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Visit the **Place/People Pavilion** and open some of the drawers. Describe at least two artifacts or documents that you found in this area.

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Visit the **California Remarkable Women** exhibit. Which woman inspires you the most and why?

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Take a "journey" on the **vintage bus** and listen to a few stories of immigrants coming to California. Summarize one of these stories.



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After examining the exhibit **Natural Disasters**, write your own headline about one natural disaster in California for the front page of a newspaper. (Try to capture readers' interest.)

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Record notes about each of the following:

Cultural diversity of California's population -

Chinese Herbal Shop -

Reasons people came to the Golden State -

Name:

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7 Visit the movie theater containing artifacts from the **Alhambra Theatre**, once located in Sacramento. How do you think the movie industry has shaped people's view of California?

8 The **Continuing Gold Rush** exhibit tells about other forms of wealth that have attracted people to California. Name at least two opportunities.



11 Take a break at **Politicking People**. Why was Posey's Cafe a popular place for politicians? Look closely at the artifacts and documents. Push a few buttons on the jukebox to eavesdrop on conversations.

12 Make a crayon rubbing of the Constitution Wall. What word or phrase do you think is most important? Why?

9 Look carefully at the **70-foot long ceiling mural** by George Yepes. Discuss two examples of symbolism and the meanings represented in the mural. Refer to the information panel.

13 Discover ways people can affect government policies. What are two actions people might do to influence political decisions?

10 Visit the 2009 **California Hall of Fame**. Which inductee inspires you the most and why?



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