



PERFECT POSTCARDS

Student Name: _____

Picture yourself riding the rails across California! You are taking a train trip across your home state. Send postcards to your friends from the places you visited that describe what you saw and learned during your vacation.

1. Choose four locations from the list on the right or from your own knowledge of California landmarks. Mark them on your map.
2. Research each place and take notes below describing what you would see and learn during an imaginary visit. Remember to include the names of your sources.
3. Get four index cards from your teacher and create postcards using your notes. On one side, draw or cut out photos of the landmarks you selected; on the other side, write a short three- to four-sentence letter to your classmates describing what you learned about each place.

Research Notes

1. _____
(name of place)

Postcard Ideas: _____

Source: _____

2. _____
(name of place)

Postcard Ideas: _____

Source: _____

3. _____
(name of place)

Postcard Ideas: _____

Source: _____

4. _____
(name of place)

Postcard Ideas: _____

Source: _____

Bonus!

For extra credit, finish planning your train trip using the station stops and schedules at www.amtrak.com!

California Landmarks

1. **California State Railroad Museum** (Sacramento, CA)
2. **Fisherman's Wharf** (San Francisco, CA)
3. **Yosemite National Park** (Sierra Nevada Mountains, CA)
4. **Hearst Castle** (San Simeon, CA)
5. **Hollywood Sign** (Hollywood, CA)
6. **San Diego Zoo** (San Diego, CA)
7. **Donner Camp** (Truckee, CA)
8. **Tolowot, Gunther Island Site 67** (Eureka, CA)
9. **25-foot Space Simulator** (Pasadena, CA)
10. **Walker Pass** (Bakersfield, CA)
11. **Angelus Temple** (Los Angeles, CA)
12. **Watts Towers** (Los Angeles, CA)
13. **San Diego Presidio** (San Diego, CA)
14. **San Francisco Cable Cars** (San Francisco, CA)
15. **Upton Sinclair House** (Monrovia, CA)
16. **Los Angeles Union Station** (Los Angeles, CA)