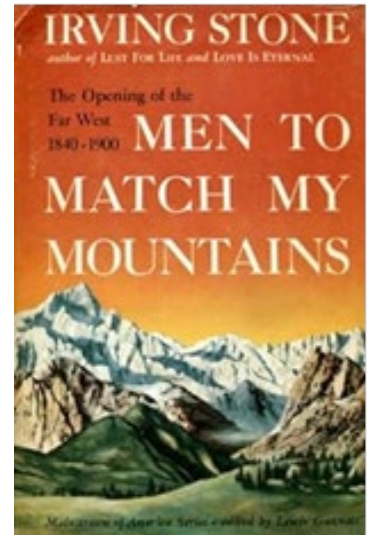
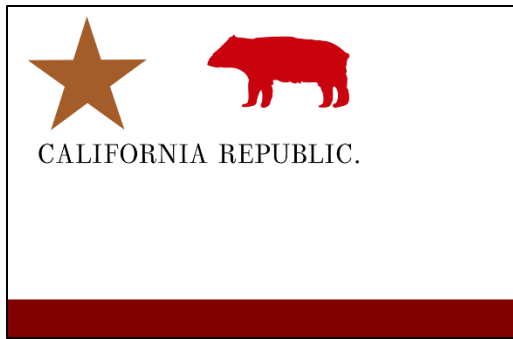


California History up to 1900



Recommended book. Fascinating easy reading. Covers events such as the changing administrations, the Donner party, the discovery of gold, and the coming of the railroads.

Overall history to 1900

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_California_before_1900

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_governors_of_California_before_1850 This is mainly a list, but the minimal comments illuminate how the administration of the territory changed in the up to 1850.

Spanish “discovery” of California; Cabrillo

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juan_Rodr%C3%ADguez_Cabrillo

California missions

<https://www.history.com/topics/religion/california-missions> a quick summary for schoolchildren

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/california-first-person-narratives/articles-and-essays/early-california-history/missions/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_missions_in_California

Mexican California

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alta_California

California Republic

<https://www.history.com/news/california-independence-bear-flag-revolt>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California_Republic

Russian presence

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Ross,_California

The California gold rush

<https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/gold-rush-of-1849> a quick summary for schoolchildren

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California_gold_rush

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/goldrush-california/>

California railroads

<https://www.history.com/topics/inventions/transcontinental-railroad> (Only part applies to California, but some great pictures)

<https://www.history.com/news/transcontinental-railroad-chinese-immigrants> how Chinese laborers built the railroad across the Sierras

<https://picturethis.museumca.org/timeline/early-statehood-1850-1880s/railroads-tie-california-rest-nation/info> (first part only)

<https://www.californiatrailcenter.org/transcontinental-railroad/>