

American Study- California

Key knowledge

There are 23 countries that make up North America.

On the American flag there are 50 stars that represent the 50 states and there are 13 stripes representing the 13 original colonies.

California is the most populous and third largest state in the United States. It is located in the south-western part of the US.

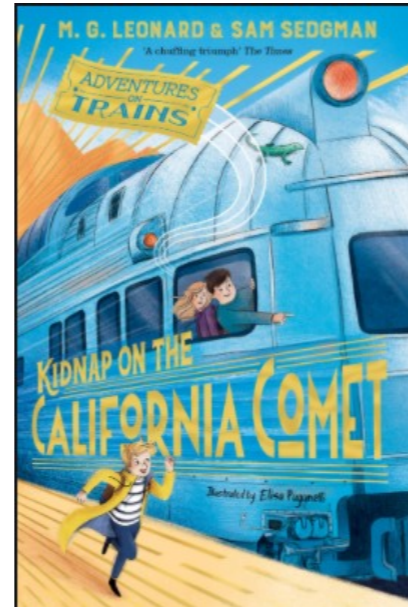
California is one of the few places in the world that has beaches and snow, deserts and high mountain peaks.

Los Angeles lies in a basin in Southern California, adjacent to the Pacific Ocean.

San Francisco is a commercial and cultural centre in Northern California.

Los Angeles is a tourist destination because it is the entertainment capital of the world.

San Francisco is a tourist destination because it is home to people of all backgrounds and cultures which greatly influence its art, food, fitness, fashion and museums.



Vocabulary

Continent	One of the earth's seven major areas of land.
Region	An area of the earth's surface that has certain features of land and climate.
Country	A large area of land where people live under the same government or have the same culture.
State	An area of land that with other such areas forms a political unit.
city	A large and important town where many people live and work.
North America	The third largest continent.
South America	The fourth largest continent.
Northern Hemisphere	The half of the earth that is north of the equator.
Pacific Ocean	The largest ocean in the world.
Atlantic Ocean	An ocean that is bordered by Europe and Africa on the east and by North and South America in the west.
equator	An imaginary line drawn around the middle of the earth
Tropic of cancer	The northern tropic
Tropic of Capricorn	The southern tropic
Human features	Things that are made or built by humans
Climate	The usual weather condition in a place
landmark	A point in a landscape that is used as a reference or marks a boundary