**California Regions**

**Tech Project**

**Objective:** Students will research and take notes to compare and contrast the regions of California. They will understand how the physical geographic features define places and regions in California.

**Materials:** computer, internet, printer, social studies textbook, reference materials, pencil, graphic organizer, notecards

**Project Options:**

1. Create a PowerPoint. The following slides must be included:
   1. Title
   2. 1 slide for each region (Coastal, Mountain, Central Valley, and Desert)
   3. Each region slide(s) will include information on:
      1. Location (be specific)
      2. Natural resources unique to the region
      3. Physical features (landforms)
      4. Climate and weather of the region
      5. Jobs and industry unique to the region
      6. Monuments/Special landmarks in the region
      7. 1-2 pictures
   4. References
      1. Website address and date
      2. Book title and author
2. Create a travel brochure. The pamphlet must include the following:
   1. Title
   2. A section for each region
   3. Each region section will include information on:
      1. Location (be specific)
      2. Natural resources unique to the region
      3. Physical features (landforms)
      4. Climate and weather of the region
      5. Jobs and industry unique to the region
      6. Monuments/Special landmarks in the region
      7. 1-2 pictures
   4. References
      1. Website address and date
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**GATE/Challenge**

**(Slide #6)**

1. Based on your research, which region is the most populated? Why do you think this region has the most people? Give evidence (2-3 clues) to support your answer.
2. After analyzing the characteristics of the four regions, could one of the regions be further divided? Why or why not?

(Think: Could California have more than 4 regions? Why or why not?)

**Grading/Rubric**

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| **Criteria** | **Points** |
| * Title | 1 |
| * Name | 1 |
| * Date | 1 |
| * Illustration (front) | 1 |
| * ***Coastal Region*** * Location (specific) * Physical features (landforms) * Natural resources * Climate and weather * Jobs and industry * Monuments/Special landmarks * Clip art/pictures | 10 |
| * ***Mountain Region*** * Location (specific) * Physical features (landforms) * Natural resources * Climate and weather * Jobs and industry * Monuments/Special landmarks * Clip art/pictures | 10 |
| * ***Central Valley Region*** * Location (specific) * Physical features (landforms) * Natural resources * Climate and weather * Jobs and industry * Monuments/Special landmarks * Clip art/pictures | 10 |
| * ***Desert Region*** * Location (specific) * Physical features (landforms) * Natural resources * Climate and weather * Jobs and industry * Monuments/Special landmarks * Clip art/pictures | 10 |
| * References | 1 |
| * Layout easy to read/follow – font style, color selection | 5 |
| * Conventions | 5 |
| * GATE/Challenge * Question1 * Question 2 | 5  5 |