

California State Facts

Lesson 4



1. Name several amusement parks in California.

Disneyland, Universal Studios, and Six Flags Magic Mountain are three of the most popular amusement parks in California.

2. What year did Disneyland open?

Disneyland opened in 1955. It was created by Walter Elias Disney and is located in Anaheim. California Adventures is Disneyland's newest addition.

3. What does *Los Angeles* mean?

Los Angeles is Spanish and it means **the angels**. Los Angeles's nickname is The City of Angels. It was originally named *El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula*, which means *The Town of Our Lady the Queen of Angels of the Little Portion*. The people of Los Angeles are known as Angelinos.

4. What city in California is famous for its Sidewalk of Stars?

Hollywood is famous for its Sidewalk of Stars, which is called the Walk of Fame. About 20 stars are added to the sidewalk each year. It has over 2,500 stars.

5. Who is the mayor of Los Angeles?

The mayor of Los Angeles is **Antonio Villaraigosa**. He is the first Latino mayor since 1872. Villaraigosa was elected mayor in May of 2005.

6. Name the most popular Los Angeles basketball team.

The most popular Los Angeles basketball team is the **L.A. Lakers**. The Lakers moved from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Los Angeles in 1960. Their colors are gold and purple.

7. What are piers in California made from?

Piers in California are made from **wood and concrete**. The Huntington Beach Pier in Orange County is made from concrete and is the longest pier in the state.

8. Name two United States Presidents that were from California.

Both **President Nixon and President Reagan** were from California. Richard M. Nixon, the 37th President of the United States, was born and raised in California. He was president from 1968 until his resignation on August 9, 1974. Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, was born in Illinois. He was President from 1981 to 1989.

9. Name two citrus fruits grown in California.

Oranges and lemons are two citrus fruits grown in California. Oranges are the third most popular fruit in the USA.

10. How many inches of rain does Los Angeles average per year?

Los Angeles averages **12 inches** of rain per year, but the amount can vary widely from year to year. Droughts are a problem in California. A *drought* is a long period with no rain.