Map E

Distribution of Negroes and Foreign-Born Mexicans (two maps)
1945–1950

Before doing this activity, be sure to look at the key so you can understand what the map is trying to tell you.

Analyzing the Maps
For each of the following statements, explain whether or not it is supported by information in the maps.

Statement 1: Many Negroes lived in Burbank.
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Statement 2: Foreign-born Mexicans lived in all parts of Los Angeles.
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Statement 3: There were some areas of Los Angeles in 1940 that had no Negroes or Mexicans.
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Prove Not State: Using Evidence in Support of an Argument

Use evidence from the two maps on the distribution of Negroes and foreign-born Mexicans to write a short paragraph proving the following statement:

*Segregation (separation of the races) was a problem in Los Angeles in 1940.*

The curators picked other objects (in addition to maps) as part of this exhibit. Three of these objects are: the Betty Reid Soskin audiotape called “Couldn’t get a loan for her dream house,” the advertisement (on the wall) of a three-room house for rent, and a picture of the suburban Zoning Defense League. (This was a league that wanted to keep zoning restricted so that only people of certain races could buy homes in certain areas.) After looking closely at (or listening to) these objects, list two to four things that these objects plus the maps tell us about the time period.

What questions do you have about these maps?
Map C

1849 California Constitutional Convention

Before you answer these questions, make sure to first read the text below each map.

Analyzing the Maps
For each of the following statements, explain whether or not it is supported by information in the maps.

Statement 1: People who attended the California Convention had different ideas about Mormons.

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Statement 2: Some people at the California Constitutional Convention wanted California to be much bigger than it is today.

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Statement 3: Economics was an important concern in deciding how California should be shaped. (Economics can include how useful the land will be for making money; for instance, can people farm on it, mine, or get lumber to sell?)

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Prove Not State: Using Evidence in Support of an Argument

Use evidence from the maps about the shape of California to write a short paragraph proving the following statement:

*It was difficult to decide what shape California should be when it joined the United States.*

What questions do you have about these maps?
Map A

Coming to California  (map as you enter the History Gallery)

Analyzing the Map
For each of the following statements, explain whether or not it is supported by information in the map.

Statement 1: People have come to California from all over the world.
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Statement 2: Many people who came to California came from within the United States.
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Statement 3: Almost no one from Mexico has come to California.
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Prove Not State: Using Evidence in Support of an Argument

Use evidence from the map about who comes to California to write a short paragraph proving the following statement:

*California is made up of people from all over the world, but some areas have contributed more people than others.*

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Map D

Glendora (on the wall in the Coming for Land section)

Analyzing the Map
For each of the following statements, explain whether or not it is supported by information in the map.

Statement 1: This map was created by a realty company.
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Statement 2: Glendora had a problem with poverty.
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Statement 3: Glendora was in a pleasant location.
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Statement 4: Homes in Glendora were comfortable.
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Prove Not State: Using Evidence in Support of an Argument

Use evidence from the map about Glendora to write a short paragraph proving the following statement:

*This map of Glendora was more of an advertisement than a map.*

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The curators picked other objects (in addition to maps) as part of this exhibit on Coming for Land. Three of these objects are: a chart on Taking of Native People’s Land, a placard that is a petition from Californio landowners, and surveyors’ tools. After looking closely at these objects, list two to four things that they plus the map tell us about the time period.

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Map F

Souvenir Map of Beverly Hills and the Homes of the Stars (in Hollywoodland)

Analyzing the Map
For each of the following statements, explain whether or not it is supported by information in the map.

Statement 1: The map is made for tourists.
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Statement 2: This map shows the most important parts of Los Angeles.
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Statement 3: To use this map, you probably needed to have a car.
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Prove Not State: Using Evidence in Support of an Argument

Use evidence from the Souvenir Map to write a short paragraph proving the following statement:

*This map shows how influential the movie industry was in Los Angeles.*

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The curators picked other objects (in addition to maps) as part of this exhibit on Hollywoodland. Three of these objects are: a paper with cut-out clothes for Charlie Chaplin, a poster of Charlie Chan's Greatest Case, and the text of the Production Code. After looking closely at these objects, list two to four things that they plus the map tell us about the time period.

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Map B

Three Maps of Early Discovery—1540-1604
America—The Unknowne World—1620
Maris Pacifici—1589 (lift wooden cover to view this map)
Amerique Septentrionale (French map) (lift wooden cover to view this map)

Analyzing the Maps
For each of the following statements, explain whether or not it is supported by information in the maps.

Statement 1: Four hundred years ago, the early explorers were completely wrong about the shapes of North and South America.

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Statement 2: In 1589, the Spanish knew that California was a peninsula.

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Statement 3: In 1600, almost 11 years later, the Spanish tried to give false information on their maps of the New World.

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Prove Not State: Using Evidence in Support of an Argument

Use evidence from the three maps of early discovery to write a short paragraph proving the following statement:

Spaniards were not eager to share the information they had learned about North and South America.

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The curators picked other objects (in addition to maps) as part of this exhibit on Voyages of Discovery. Three of these objects are: a picture of a gun, a painting of St. James, and gold coins. List two to four things that these objects plus the maps tell us about the time period.

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