



4th Grade History-Social Science California: A Changing State

In addition to learning about life in the past, students will understand how the story of Filoli is a true California story, touching on immigration, economic development, and the use of natural resources.

4.4 Explain how California became an agricultural and industrial power, tracing the transformation of the California economy and its political and cultural development since the 1850s.

At Filoli: The histories of the families who lived at Filoli (the Bourns & the Roths) are tied to several aspects of California's development, including gold and silver mining, water delivery, and the shipping industry.

4.4.2 Explain how the Gold Rush transformed the economy of California, including the types of products produced and consumed, changes in towns, and economic conflicts between diverse groups of people.

At Filoli: The Bourn family fortune is traced to the Gold Rush. William Bowers Bourn owned the Empire Gold Mine in Grass Valley, and his son, William Bowers Bourn II managed the mines from 1878 through 1929.

4.4.3 Discuss immigration and migration to California between 1850 and 1900, including the diverse composition of those who came; the countries of origin and their relative locations; and conflicts and accords among the diverse groups.

At Filoli: The Bourns came from the East Coast on the tide of migration following the Gold Rush. Mrs. Roth's father was an immigrant from Sweden. He was a seaman who transported goods such as sugar and pineapples from Hawaii to the growing San Francisco area. Filoli provided employment for many immigrants over the decades including workers from Italy, Scotland, and China.

4.4.4 Describe rapid American immigration, internal migration, settlement, and the growth of towns and cities.

At Filoli: The development of Peninsula towns can be traced to logging and water development, as well as wealthy San Franciscans who built country estates in the early 1900s. Much of this development occurred following the 1906 earthquake when people fled San Francisco.

4.4.7 Trace the evolution of California's water system into a network of dams, aqueducts, and reservoirs.

At Filoli: Mr. Bourn was the president of the Spring Valley Water Company, which supplied water for San Francisco through a series of reservoirs, including Crystal Springs, just a mile from Filoli.