



Traveling Journal!

Project Overview
4A Social Studies



Dear Friend,

I'm in 4th grade at Blessed
Pope John Catholic School in
Scottsdale, A.Z. I'm 9 years old
I like to play legos and football
my favorite sports team is the
Colts.

Sincerely,
Jake

P.S. please remember to
send a post card to my
cousin so when you
receive my journal
so I can track it.

**First, we'll
write OUR
journal entry.
Let's use Mrs.
Hiland's son's
example!**



Instructions for Family/Friends who receive our journal:



Dear Friend,

My 4th grade class is creating a Traveling Journal project to learn more about different places and people. I have already completed the first entry in the journal. As each person receives the journal, he/she will add to it and send it on to another friend. Our class will chart the progress of our journals by keeping track of postcards received from the people who receive the journal. By the end of the project, I hope to read your entries telling me information about where it has been and whom it has reached.

To contribute to my journal, please do the following:

1. Write a journal entry on the next available page in the journal. Please date the entry and identify your location. Then write any information you would like to share about the city/state where you live. Please include anything you think would be of interest to me. Feel free to include pictures or photographs! The first journal entry is one I've written for you.
2. Mail the journal to a friend of yours in another part of the United States. Hopefully, my journal will travel to many interesting places across the country. *Please do not send my journal outside of the United States of America.
3. If you receive this journal in April of 2024 or later, please make sure to mail it back to my school no later than May 1, 2024. (Even if it is late I would really appreciate the return of my journal!)
4. I would also appreciate it if you mail me a postcard or a note when you receive my journal. This way I can follow its journey by keeping track of each postcard I receive.

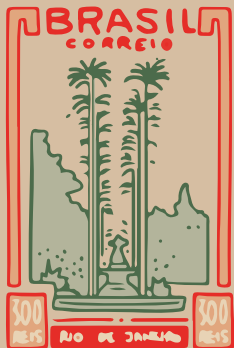
Thank you for contributing to my Traveling Journal! I am looking forward to the return of my journal and reading about all the special places and people. I really appreciate your help!

Please mail me a postcard as soon as you receive the journal. Remember, if you receive the journal in April of 2024, please mail the journal itself back to me at:

c/o Ms. McKaig
Saint John XXIII Catholic School
16235 N. 60th Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

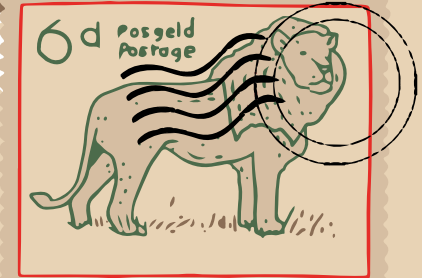
Thank you so much for your help!

First, tell our families about the project! Brainstorm who you might like to send your journal to. This is the only person you'll get to pick!



Next, write our journal entry! For this, we need an empty/blank composition notebook.

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Then, put the directions inside the front cover of our journal!



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August 2012

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Thank you for your help,

Text of over 45,000 leading U.S. companies.

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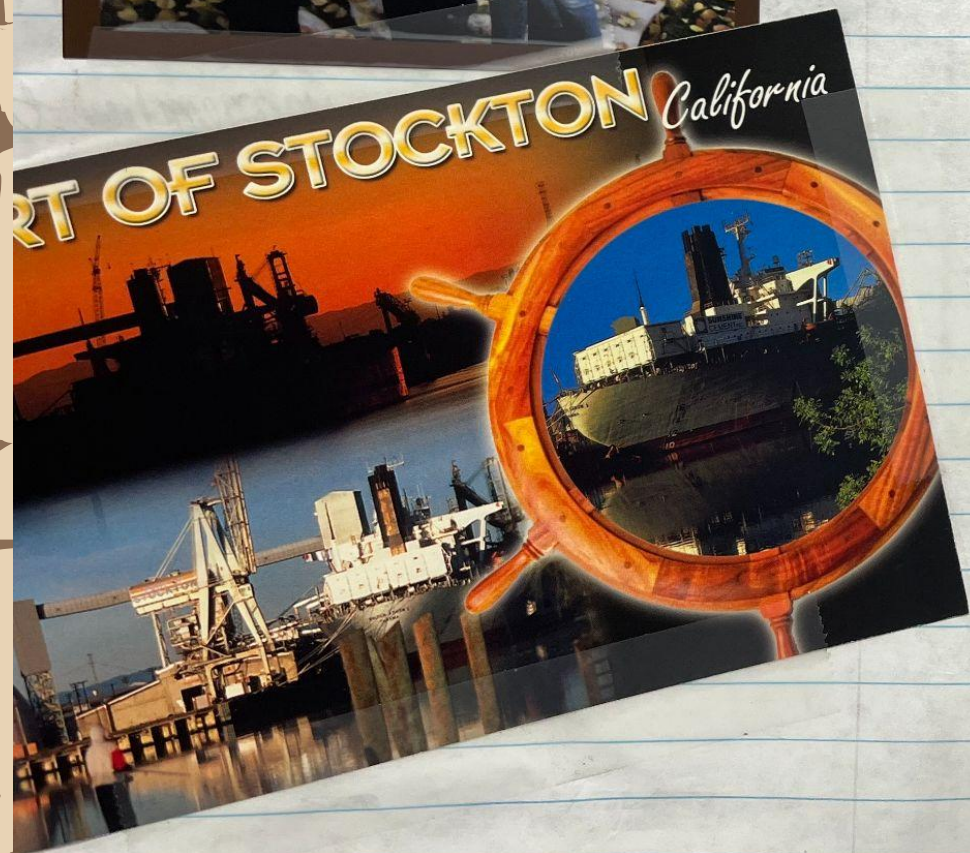
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We send it out, and then we wait!

As our Traveling Journal makes its way around the country, the receivers will write their own journal entry, then send it on to someone else!

As each person receives, they should send us (here at school) a postcard!





Sept 10, 2012
Stockton, CA

Dear Jake,

So happy to get this journal today! This seems like a fun school assignment. I am glad to tell you more about where we live.

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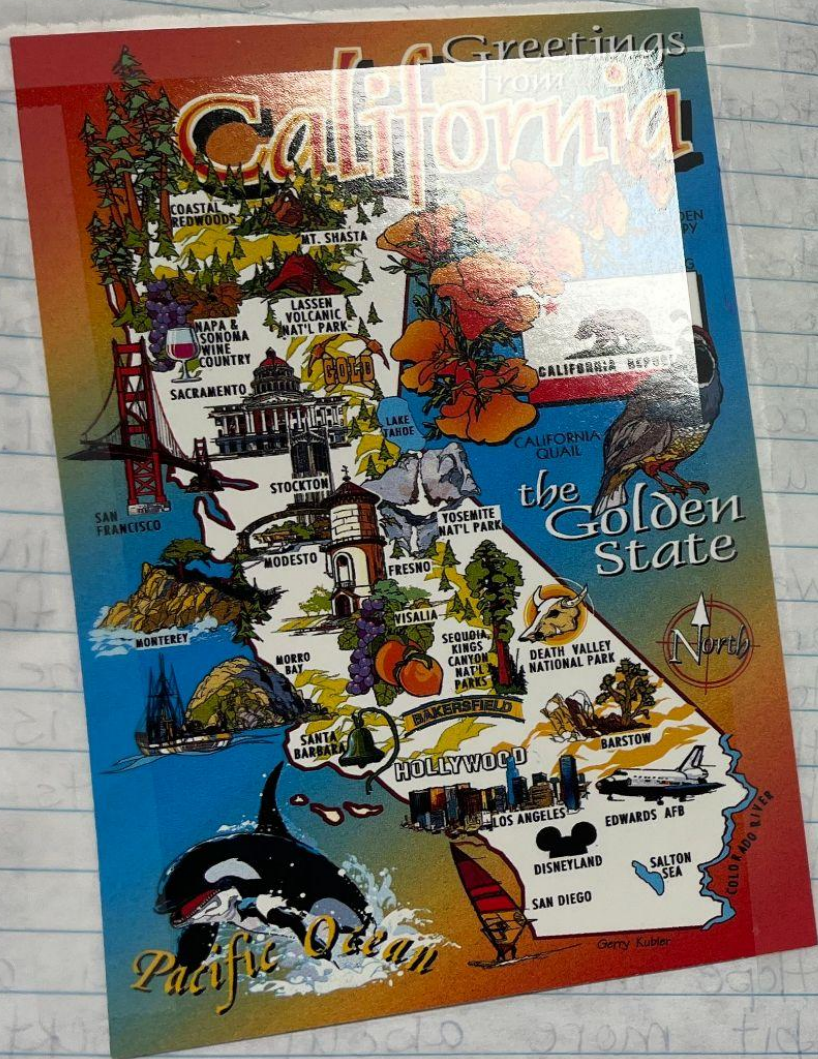
We (Uncle Trevor, I, Lindsey & Sarah) live in Stockton, California. We are located in the central part of the state. Stockton is an 1 1/2 hours east of San Francisco and 45 minutes south of the Capital of California, Sacramento. We have mostly farm land around us and Stockton is the furthest inland ocean port - it takes 3 hours for the big boats carrying product to travel through the Delta ~~ways~~ water ways to the port to deliver the product. Then they load up again with product and head back out to the ocean. The weather during the summer can get as high as

September 12, 2012
Stockton, CA

Dear Jake,

Hi Jake! I miss you! I hope you can come to California to see us soon! I can tell you that here in Stockton and anywhere else you can find adventure anywhere! Like, Disneyland, or the gold mining that first started here in the United States, Hollywood, Golden Gate bridge, or San Diego! There are many activities to do like go camping or hiking up in the Sierra, go and play at Disneyland or have fun at the beach in San Diego. I miss you and hope to see you soon!

Love,
Sarah



young people, there is a lot to do here. MaryElle plays tennis at her high school (we learned to surf last spring (we are about 15 minutes, 10 miles, from Orange Beach), and loves to read to children at 5 local libraries in Orange Beach), where she is a "Sunshine Reader". There is also a Skate Park, called "Skate Park", where a lot of kids like to go to ride their skate boards. We have a community club called The Beach and Tennis Club, and MaryElle swam for many years with the local swim team, called the LF Sharks. Kaitlin Hoover, a gold medal Olympic swimmer, swam at our local high school, El Toro High School, and she now coaches and has a swim club at the Beach and Tennis Club.

We often take our boat and trailer. We often take our boat to visit places where we can take our boat and trailer. We often take our boat on the ocean in Newport Harbor, and we especially love going to Big Bear on the San Bernardino Mountains with our boat. It is about a two hour drive to get there. On longer trips we go to a place called Lake Sabrina, near Lake Arrowhead Mountain, but that is a seven hour drive. We also visit the desert as we can with our trailer, and we especially love the Anza Borrego desert. It's nice to be fairly near to the ocean, the mountains and the desert!

You got a glimpse of our area, and now I am going to send this on to your dear cousin, Kendall, in Hubbardston, Massachusetts, and she will share with you a very different place to live, with lots of beautiful weather, including cold and snow!

by MaryElle Hoover
Orange Beach, CA



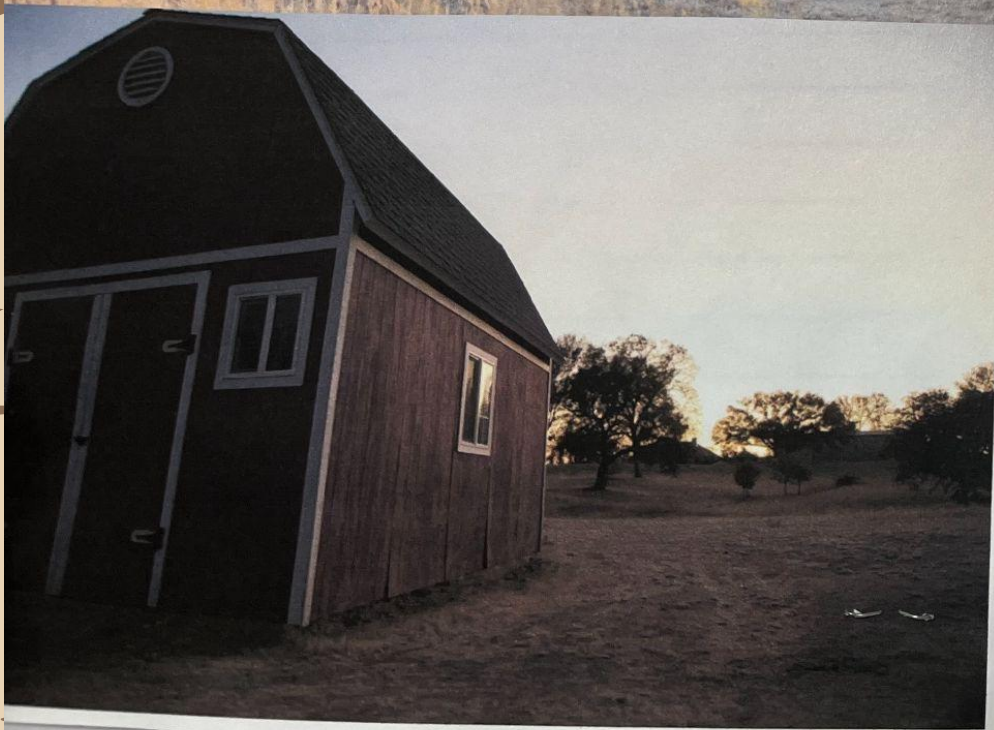
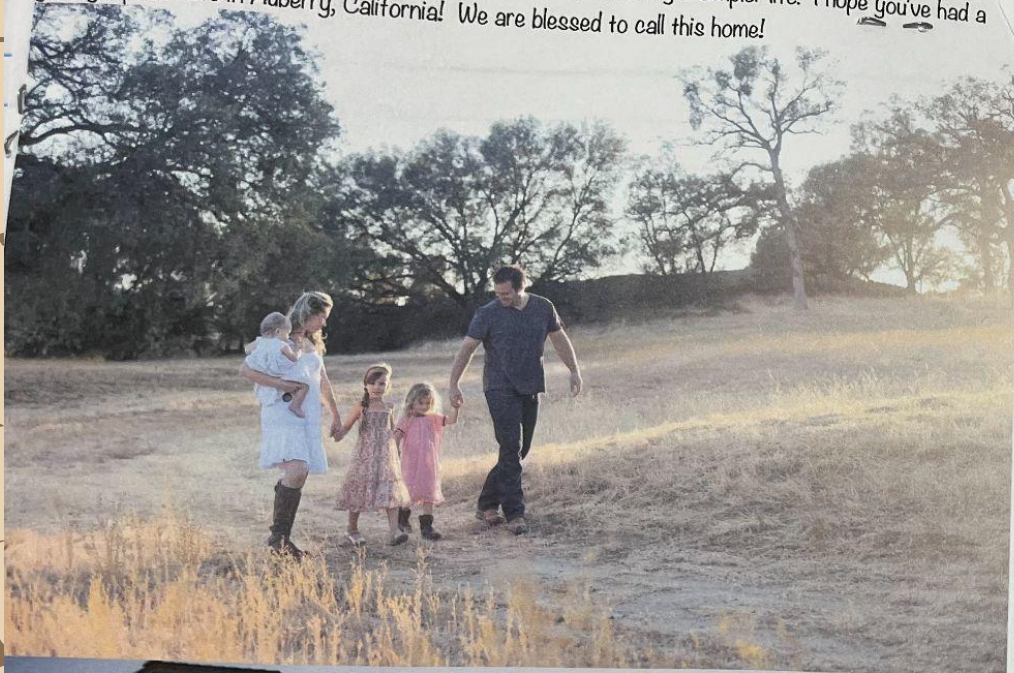
Dennis
Pete
Trevor
Lin
Scott
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Some old pictures of our place in Lake Arrowhead Forest.



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Mona
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Grandma
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Lindsey
↓
Julie

We are greatly enjoying the outdoors, beautiful sunsets, and living a simpler life. I hope you've had a good glimpse of life in Auberry, California! We are blessed to call this home!



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Dear Jake,

Derrick and Tiffany Lang coming to you from Irvine, CA. Your mom and Derrick's mom, Debbie, are cousins. I think that makes you and Derrick second cousins. We are so excited to participate in your school project. I have the whole week off, in honor of Presidents' Week, so I have plenty of time to write to you and share a little bit about Irvine.

Derrick and I have lived in Irvine for about 6 years. We live on the border of Irvine and Tustin. Irvine became an incorporated city in 1971. It has 66 miles of land with an average annual rainfall between 10 and 13 inches. So technically, Irvine has a semi-desert climate. The average temperature in January is 56 degrees and 71 degrees in August.

We have some official city symbols including: the Camphor tree, Lily of the Nile, Asparagus (our official city vegetable) and the Western Swallowtail butterfly. We have several parks in Irvine (56 to be exact), and 5,200 acres of open space nature preserves.

Irvine has a population of around 223,000 people. However, during the week between 8:00 and 5:00, the population increases by 150%. That happens because of the many large businesses and companies in town. The number one employer in Irvine is the University of California, Irvine with over 14,000 employees. Another large company in Irvine is Blizzard Entertainment, which the video game company that made World of Warcraft.



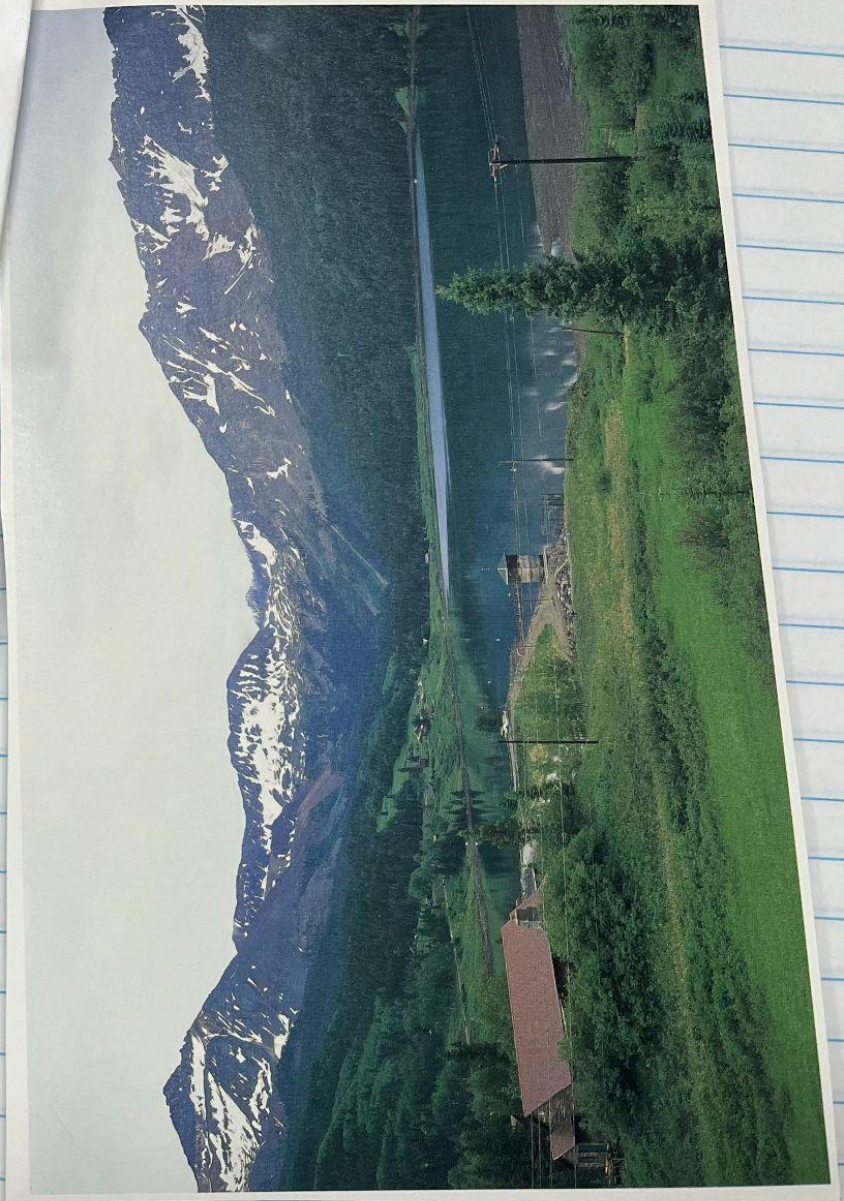
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Due Dates:

- Have your blank/empty composition notebook and bring it to school by next week on **Monday** 8/28.
- Have your journal entry written and shown to Ms. McKaig by next week on **Wednesday** 8/30.
- Mail your Traveling Journal to a family member/friend by the following week, **Monday** 9/4.

