ACROSS THE SIERRAS
In 1863, the building of the Central Pacific Railroad, eastward from Sacramento across the Sierra Nevada Mountain, was begun.

FOUNDING THE MISSIONS
In July, 1769, Father Junipero M. J. Serra, the Spanish missionary, founded San Diego de Alcala, the first of a chain of twenty-one Franciscan missions in what is now California.

RAISING THE BEAR FLAG
At Sonoma, on June 14, 1846, a small group of Americans deposed Mexico by hauling down the Mexican flag and raising the Bear Flag of California in its place.

DISCOVERY OF GOLD
On January 24, 1848, James Wilson Marshall discovered gold in the American River at Sutter's Mill, an event that led to the famous “gold rush” of 1849.

FIRST TRAINLOAD OF ORANGES
Following the development of the refrigerator car, the first trainload of California oranges left Los Angeles for eastern markets on February 14, 1886.

COMING OF THE MOVIES
The first commercial film produced in California, The Count of Monte Cristo, was completed near Los Angeles in 1907 and released in 1908.

CENTRAL VALLEY WATER PROJECT
Begun in 1939, with Shasta Dam as the key unit, this project, costing more than $220,000,000, was undertaken to control floods, to supply fresh