

Great Californians Activity Sheet

Poster Discussion Guide

What makes a person great? (Possible answer: To be considered great, you must be important to other people. To be important to other people, you must contribute something good to people.)

Do you agree that these Californians were (or are) great? In your opinion, what made each one great?

Do you think any Californians alive today are great? Who? What makes them great?

Vocabulary Words Used in the Posters

Immigrants	Dismayed
Union	Sue
Negotiate	Entrepreneur
Activist	Prosperous
Feminist	Hordes
Expedition	Squatters
Founder	Bankrupt
Flourishing	Reservation
Achievement	Symbol

Poster-Making Activity

Use this poster set to inspire students to “name their own” great Californians and to design their own 17" x 11" posters to summarize the reasons behind their choices.

Each poster should include the following elements:

- The person's name
- The person's picture
- Three bullet points summarizing the person's achievements
- A quote by the person or about the person
- One paragraph explaining the person's achievements
- Symbols that represent the chosen person

Display the posters on the bulletin board.