

# Family Newsletter for Unit 5

## Modern California

### Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- about post–World War II changes
- about California’s public education and its leadership in the high-tech industry
- about California’s state government and important issues today

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

### Talk About It

Chapter 10: World War II to the Seventies

**New Businesses** Discuss the changes in the state after World War II, such as new industries, technology, and housing developments. Together, research local businesses that got their start during this time period.

Chapter 11: New Steps Forward

**Technology and Culture** Discuss the many different cultures in the state. Together, research the different cultural festivals in your area.

Chapter 12: The Twenty-First Century

**Government and Citizens** California’s citizens greatly affect the state’s environment. Think of ways that you can protect the local environment.

### Make It

**Environmental Newsletter** Work with your child to create an environmental newsletter for your community. Select a topic and write several articles.

### Read to Learn More About It

*The Bill of Rights*, by Warren Colman. A quick look at the history of the Bill of Rights and the types of issues to which it applies today.

*Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*, by Kathleen Krull. A dramatic story about Cesar Chavez’s march to protest the unsatisfactory conditions of California’s migrant workers.

*Looking at the Environment*, by David Suzuki. This book uses activities and interesting facts to introduce environmental awareness and conservation to elementary-level children.



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