

GUSHING OIL

Grade Level: 4th grade, Social Studies

Objectives: Students will be able to:

- participate in a discussion about the economic boom in California due to the discovery of oil in the 1900's.
- with materials provided, build their model of an oil derrick.

Materials/Resources:

Video entitled "Kern County Oil-The First 100 Years"
California: Adventures in Time and Place (4th Grade Text), pages 284, 285
paper copy of oil derrick for each student
glue
scissors
toothpicks/wooden skewers
postcards/posters showing development of oil from Kern Oil Museum
California map

Activity and Procedure:

After a review of vocabulary and locations of oil discovery and a review of pages 284 and 285 of text, students will view the video of Kern County Oil-The First 100 Years. Instructor will monitor video, stopping to allow for questions and discussion.

Using the handout provided, students will build a copy of a derrick. Students may also use wooden toothpicks and skewers to creatively construct their derrick.

Closure:

Students will write a short essay describing the procedure of building their derrick, in showing the proper sequence in building the model.