

# Journey of Problem Solving

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson Plan

### San Juan Bautista State Historic Park

#### **Standards**

- Subject and California Standards: Social Studies 4.2 & 4.3
- Language Arts Reading 2.0, Writing 1.0 & 2.0

#### **Materials**

- Lesson Plan
- Lesson One - Pre-Visit Activities with student worksheets
- Lesson Two – Site-Visit Activities at San Juan Bautista State Historic Park
- Lesson Two – Historic Building Activity Cards
- Lesson Three - Post-Visit Activities & Assessments

#### **Objectives:**

1. Students will be able to match the countries that have governed California through 1850 to the park building representing each time period
2. Students will be able to name one person(s) who immigrated to San Juan Bautista and explain why they came
3. Students will be able to present at least one struggle or hardship faced by a resident of early San Juan Bautista
4. Students will creatively express an understanding of the influence an era of California history had on a person(s) of San Juan Bautista

**Overview:** Through these lessons students and teachers will gain an appreciation and understanding for the significance and diversity of California's history as evident in the buildings and people of San Juan Bautista's past.

#### **Assessment**

During the post-visit in Lesson Three, students will compile the information they learned about the first historic building they visited at San Juan Bautista State Historic Park. They will give a presentation to the class to teach them about the significance of the building in California history.

**Background:** San Juan Bautista is a microcosm of California's state history. Just as our state began with Native Americans, the Mutsun Indians were the first known inhabitants of San Juan Bautista. The order of California's immigrants are the following; early explorers, (hike the Anza trail outside town), Spanish missionaries and soldiers (for an extra fee tour the mission complex), Mexican rancheros/rancheras, military persons, pioneers, gold seekers from every continent, and Americans; have each left their mark on San Juan Bautista. As California history went so did San Juan Bautista. For more information on the park go to [http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=563](http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=563)

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