

StaniStory
Assessments &
Activities

StaniStory Review Questions Part 1 (pages 1 – 16)

- 1. From 1821–1848 California was under the control of which country?**
 - a. Mexico
 - b. Spain
 - c. France
 - d. The United States
- 2. The _____ is the western portion of Stanislaus County, which is part of the Coast Ranges of California:**
 - a. Diamond Range
 - b. Dexter Range
 - c. Diablo Range
 - d. Delta Range
- 3. Which is NOT a river which flows in Stanislaus County?**
 - a. Stanislaus River
 - b. Missouri River
 - c. Tuolumne River
 - d. San Joaquin River
- 4. Without irrigation, Stanislaus County is considered a _____?**
 - a. Desert
 - b. Grassland
 - c. Forest
 - d. Wetland
- 5. Which prehistoric animal of Stanislaus County can be found in the movie 'Ice Age'?**
 - a. California Mammoth
 - b. California Elephant
 - c. California Triceratops
 - d. California Monkey
- 6. The Indigenous Americans in Stanislaus County were part of which tribe?**
 - a. Yokuts
 - b. Lakota
 - c. Cherokee
 - d. Pequots
- 7. Which trees contain plentiful acorns?**
 - a. Pine
 - b. Sequoia
 - c. Oak
 - d. Elm
- 8. Which glass rocks were used to make arrowheads?**
 - a. Granite
 - b. Jasper
 - c. Limestone
 - d. Obsidian

9. Who was the Spanish explorer to first come to Stanislaus County?

- a. Gabriel Moraga
- b. Christopher Columbus
- c. Hernán Cortés
- d. Ricardo Montalbán

10. Who is Stanislaus County named for?

- a. Stanley Adams
- b. Chief Estanislao
- c. Stanislaus Friedman
- d. Stanisloa Ortega

11. Which folk hero originates from early Spanish California?

- a. Zorro
- b. Robin Hood
- c. Juan Cortina
- d. Superman

12. Which famous American Civil War General was a co-owner of the Rancho Thompson?

- a. Stonewall Jackson
- b. Ulysses S. Grant
- c. William Tecumseh Sherman
- d. Omar Bradley

13. Who is NOT a famous frontiersman of Stanislaus County?

- a. Faxon Atherton
- b. John C. Fremont
- c. Jedediah Smith
- d. Kit Carson

14. Jose Castro and Francisco Rico owned which original Rancho?

- a. Del Rio Estanislao
- b. Pescadero
- c. Orestimba y Las Garzas
- d. Thompson

15. The Mormons began which colony just outside of Stanislaus County?

- a. New Era
- b. God's Land
- c. South Fork
- d. New Hope

StaniStory Review Questions Part 2 (pages 17 – 29)

1. Who was the most famous of all California banditos?

- a. Three Fingered Jack
- b. Jesse James
- c. José Alfonso
- d. Joaquin Murrieta

2. In what year was the California Gold Rush?

- a. 1847
- b. 1848
- c. 1849
- d. 1850

3. Stanislaus County was carved out of which existing County?

- a. Tuolumne
- b. San Joaquin
- c. Calaveras
- d. Merced

4. Which future U.S. president visited his family-by-marriage, the Dents of Knights Ferry?

- a. Abraham Lincoln
- b. Andrew Johnson
- c. Ulysses S. Grant
- d. Rutherford B. Hayes

5. Which Stanislaus County town was originally called French Bar?

- a. Knights Ferry
- b. La Grange
- c. Turlock
- d. Ceres

6. Which author lived and taught elementary locally school before Stanislaus County was established?

- a. John Steinbeck
- b. Charles Dickens
- c. Bret Harte
- d. Mark Twain

7. Prior to irrigation, Stanislaus County was known agriculturally as the _____?

- a. King of Alfafa
- b. King of Wheat
- c. Duchess Dairy
- d. Queen Corn

8. The _____ transported wheat across the shallow rivers of Stanislaus County:

- a. Submarines
- b. Tugboats
- c. Flat Bottom Barges
- d. Surf boards

9. This man was too 'modest' to have Modesto named after him:

- a. Charles Crocker
- b. Leland Stanford
- c. William Ralston
- d. William Sharon

10. This family, whose name is found throughout Modesto, had ancestors who sailed on the 'Mayflower':

- a. Maze
- b. McHenry
- c. Elias
- d. Gallo

11. Who was the California Assemblyman that introduced the 1887 law allowing for local irrigation control?

- a. D.W. Griffith
- b. C.B. DeMille
- c. C.C. Wright
- d. W.C. Fields

12. Which poultry company is the national chicken processor that got its start in Stanislaus County?

- a. Tyson Foods
- b. Foster Farms
- c. McDonald's
- d. Zacky Farms

13. These are the first names of the two Italian-American brothers who opened a winery in Modesto in 1933:

- a. Tony and Nunzio
- b. Mario and Luigi
- c. Ernest and Julio
- d. Dolce and Gabbana

14. What is the given name of the Great Depression photo of Florence Owens Thompson and her children?

- a. Poor Lady
- b. Tired Mother
- c. Migrant Mother
- d. Agriculture Life

15. This gave people from Mexico a quick and legal way to come to the United States to work in agriculture:

- a. Bracero Program
- b. Piez Plan
- c. Tedos Administration
- d. Programa de Manos

Bonus Question: Which famous filmmaker from Modesto created 'Star Wars'?

- a. James Cameron
- b. Wes Anderson
- c. George Lucas
- d. Ida Lupino

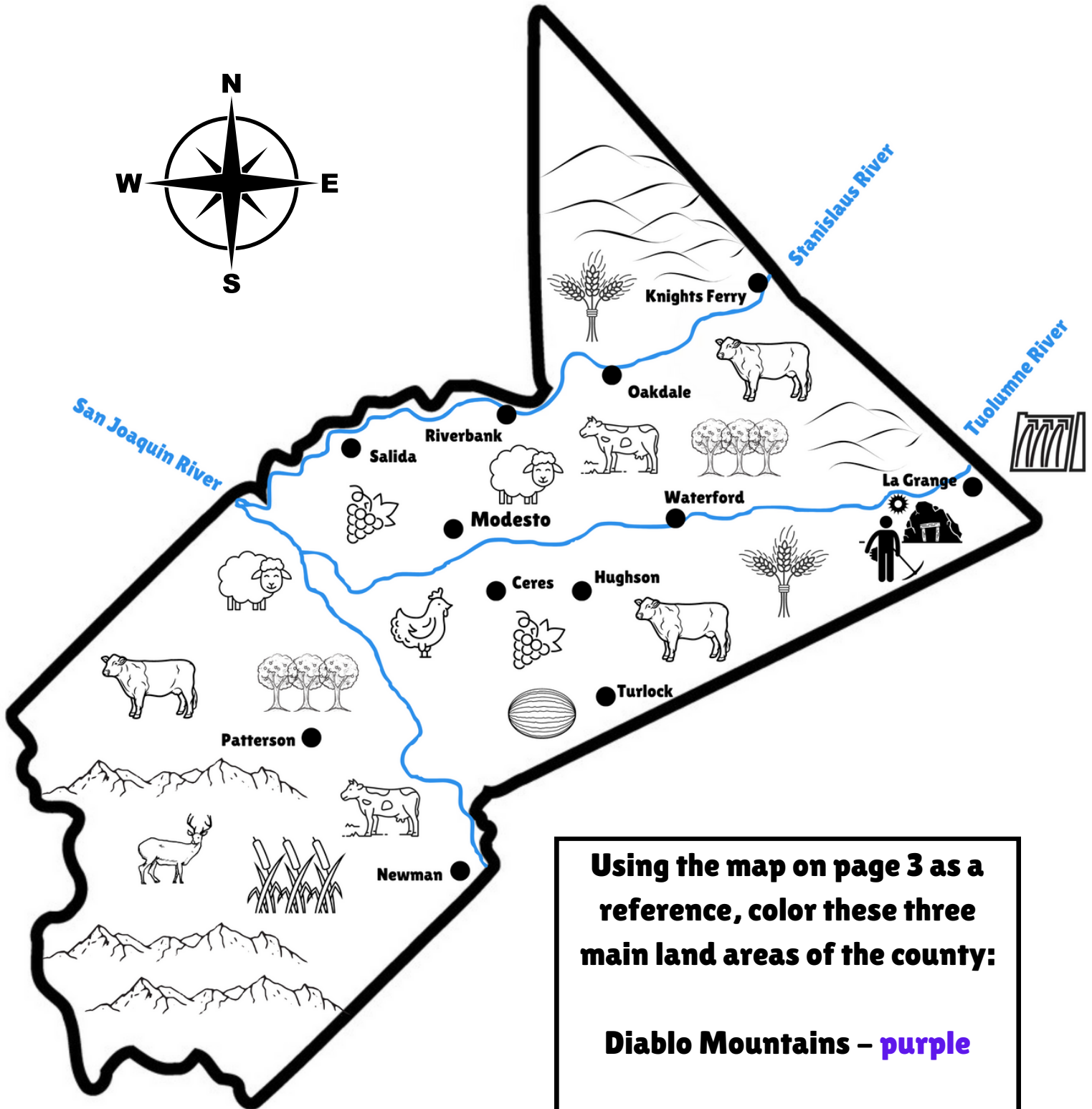
StaniStory Word Search

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WORD BANK:

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CATTLE COMMUTERS IRRIGATION STANISLAUS
STAR WARS TULE YOKUTS ZORRO

Color Stanislaus County



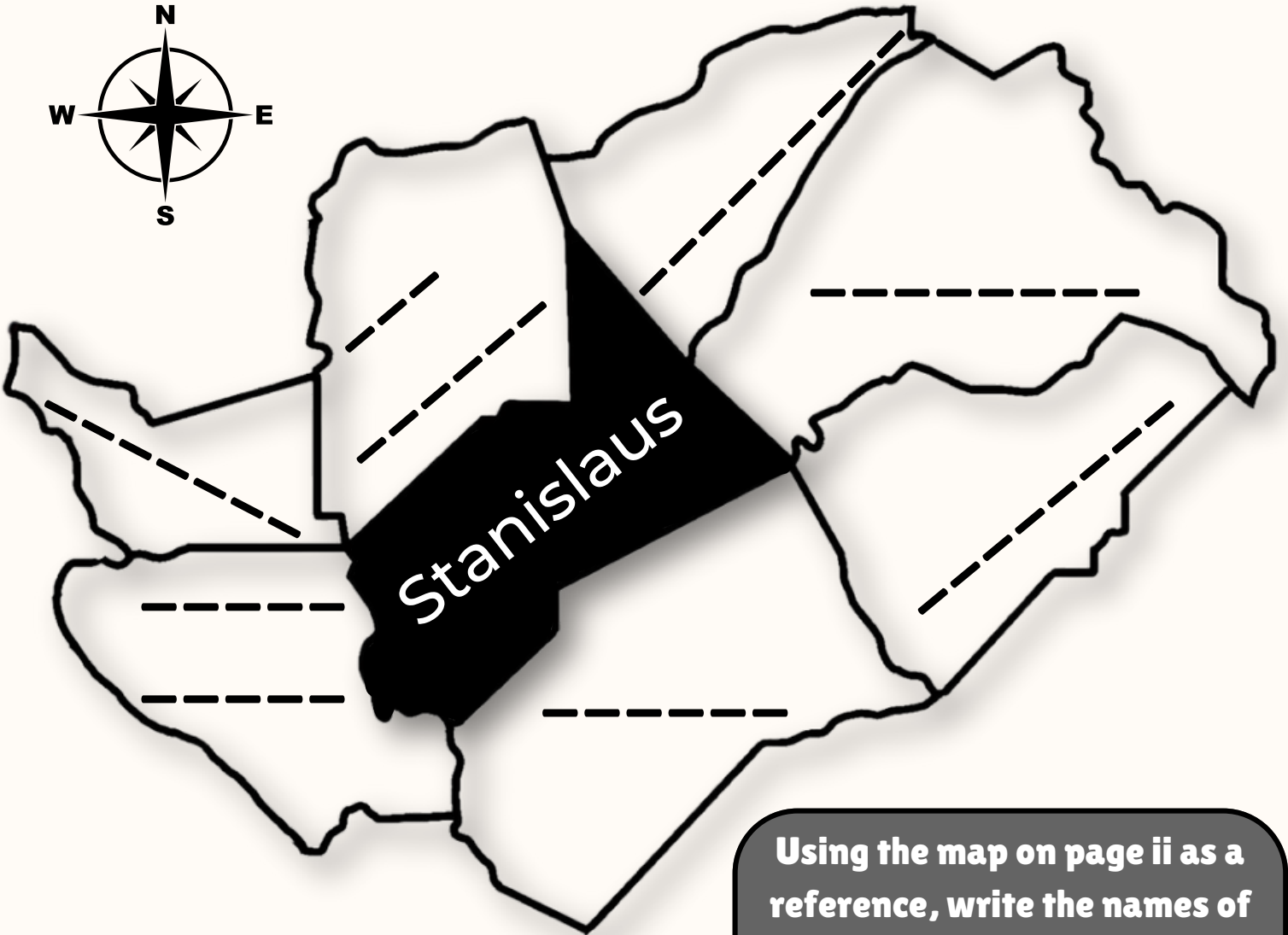
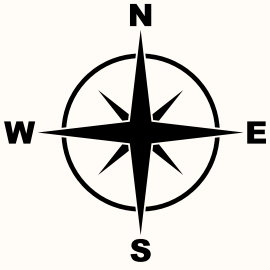
Using the map on page 3 as a reference, color these three main land areas of the county:

Diablo Mountains – purple

San Joaquin Valley floor – green

Sierra foothills – gold

Identify Neighboring Counties



The detailed area in this map of California is enlarged above.

Using the map on page ii as a reference, write the names of the counties which neighbor Stanislaus:

Alameda

Calaveras

Mariposa

Merced

San Joaquin

Santa Clara

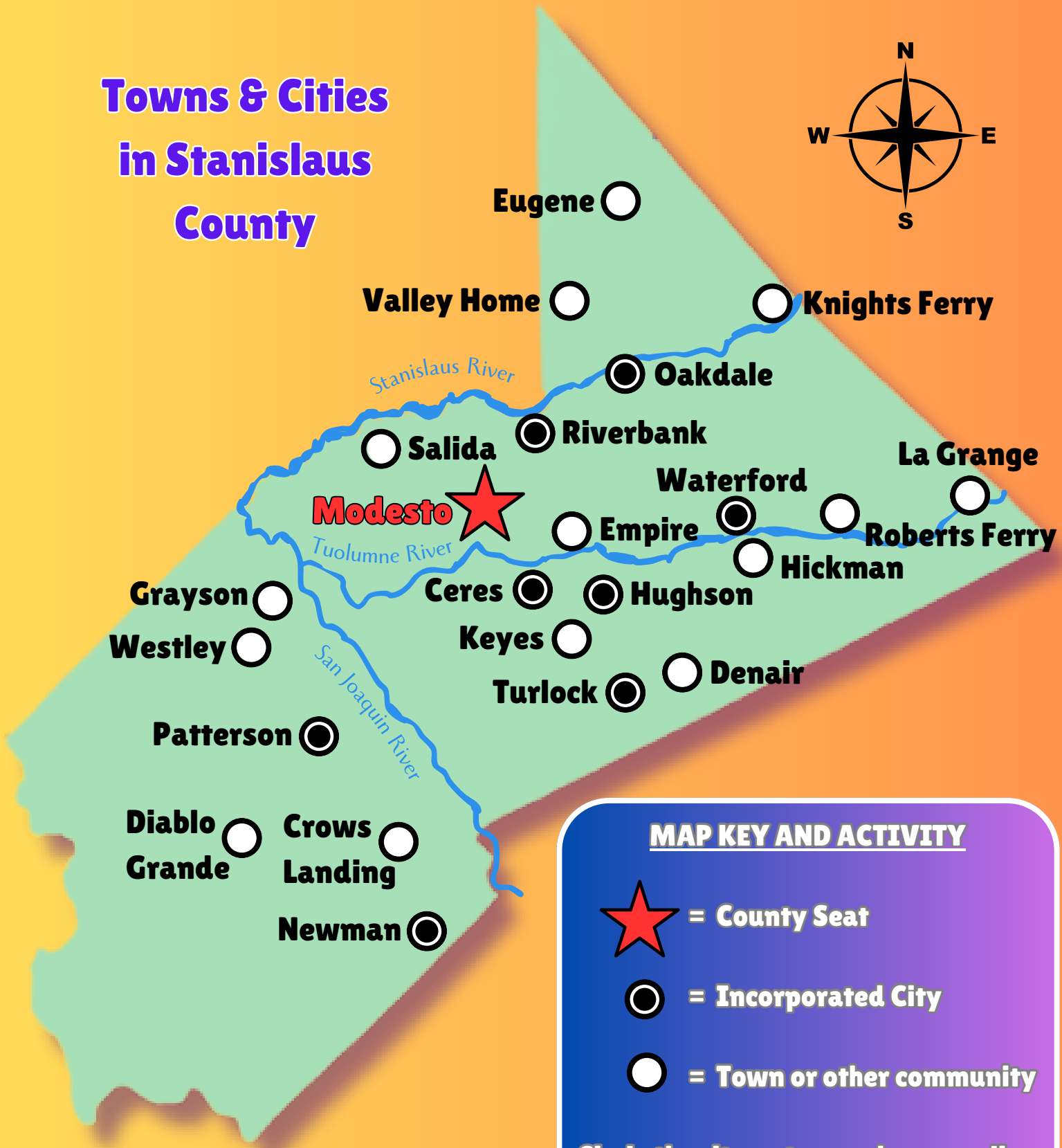
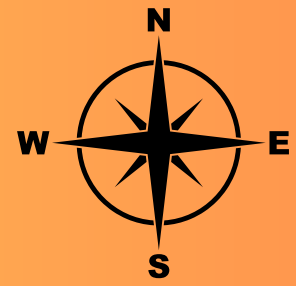
Tuolumne

Cattle

Draw a picture of a cow that would have been raised during the early years of cattle farming in Stanislaus County.

**What would your cattle brand have looked like?
Draw your own design!**

Towns & Cities in Stanislaus County



MAP KEY AND ACTIVITY

- = County Seat
- = Incorporated City
- = Town or other community

**Circle the city or town where you live (or the nearest one if you live in a community not shown on this map).
Underline any cities you recognize.**

Labeling Highways and Freeways

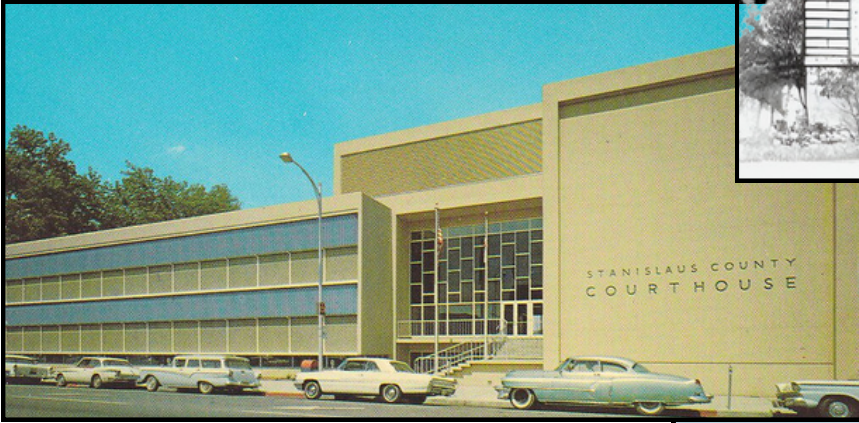
A map of California showing major highways and freeways. The map is divided into a yellow shaded region and a grey region. The yellow region contains several cities: Riverbank, Modesto, Ceres, Patterson, Newman, Oakdale, Waterford, and Turlock. The grey region contains several cities: Modesto, Ceres, Patterson, Newman, Oakdale, Waterford, and Turlock. The map includes several highway shields: California 120, California 99, California 108, Interstate 5, California 132, and California 33. A compass rose is located in the top right corner. A legend box in the bottom right corner contains the following text: "Using the map on page 30 as a reference, label the highways and freeways on this map:" followed by a list of numbers in rounded rectangles: 5, 33, 99, 108, 120, 132.

Using the map on page 30 as a reference, label the highways and freeways on this map:

5	33
99	108
120	132

County Seats

The county seat is home to the main courthouse of the local government. The courthouse that was built in Modesto in 1873 is shown (to the right). The modern one (below) replaced it in the 1960s. A larger courthouse opens in 2024 (bottom right).



Put the towns and cities in order of when they became the Stanislaus County seat (local government center):

Modesto

Adamsville

La Grange

1. 1854 _____

2. 1854 _____

3. 1855 _____

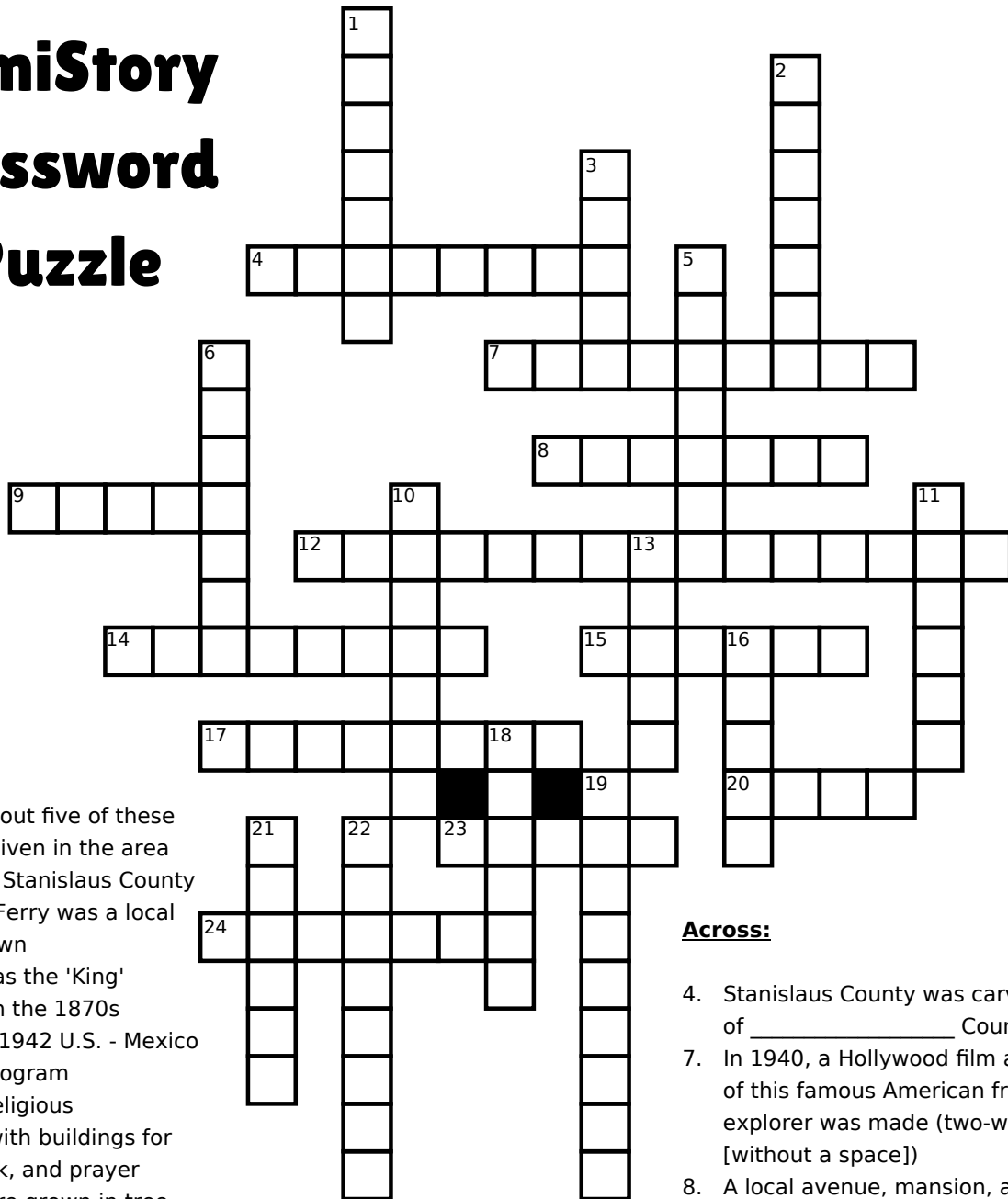
Knights Ferry

4. 1862 _____

5. 1871 _____

Empire City

StaniStory Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. Mexico gave out five of these land grants given in the area which is now Stanislaus County
2. _____ Ferry was a local Gold Rush town
3. Stanislaus was the 'King' of this crop in the 1870s
5. Name of the 1942 U.S. - Mexico farm labor program
6. A Christian religious community with buildings for housing, work, and prayer
10. These nuts are grown in tree orchards across the county now
11. Tribe name of Indigenous Americans who lived throughout Stanislaus County
13. The number of fingers on one of Manuel "Jack" Garcia's hands became part of his nickname
16. Last name of brothers Ernest & Julio who started their Modesto winery in 1933
18. These are the nuts of oak trees
19. Stanislaus County is a natural _____ (prior to farming)
21. This means "devil" in Spanish
22. Fossils of this extinct aquatic lizard were discovered and unearthed locally

Across:

4. Stanislaus County was carved out of _____ County in 1854
7. In 1940, a Hollywood film about the life of this famous American frontier explorer was made (two-word answer [without a space])
8. A local avenue, mansion, and museum are all named after this family
9. Last name of 'Star Wars' director
12. Location in Stanislaus County where earth's mantle has been thrust to its surface (three-word answer [without any spaces])
14. Spanish word for "bandits" (outlaws)
15. Last name of the man who helped pass California's irrigation law in 1887
17. Some cooled volcanic lava forms this glass-like rock; its used for arrowheads
20. The type of soil found in the valley floor of Stanislaus County
23. Fictional character thought to be inspired by Estanislao, Yoscolo, and Joaquin Murrieta
24. Last name of the banker who was too "modest" for Modesto to take his name

Down Word

Bank:

Acorns
Almonds
Bracero
Diablo
Gallo
Grassland
Knights
Mission
Mosasaur
Ranchos
Three
Wheat
Yokuts

Across Word

Bank (no spaces for answers with more than one word):

Banditos
Del Puerto Canyon
Kit Carson
Loam
Lucas
McHenry
Obsidian
Ralston
Tuolumne
Wright
Zorro

My imagined Yokuts narrative (a "You Decide" Activity!) Circle ONE option from each underlined word group:

If I were a member of the Yokuts tribe long ago, I would help my family by

carving arrowheads/weaving baskets. Along with food made out of ground
(circle one)

acorns, I would most enjoy eating berries/nuts and roots/seeds. I would
(circle one) (circle one)

like to hunt for fish/frogs or lizards/snakes. To cool off in the hot summer, I
(circle one) (circle one)

would swim in the nearby San Joaquin/Stanislaus/Tuolumne River.
(find out the closest river to you and then circle it)

**Before I was born,
what were things like
for someone I know?**

Ask a parent/guardian, grandparent,
or neighbor about some of their favorite
memories growing up in Stanislaus
County. Write it down below to share: