

**Assembly District 78 Fourth Grade Art Contest:
California State Symbols - Celebrating California's Icons**

Objective:

Create an art piece that showcases the unique state symbols or themes of California and highlights their significance in the Golden State's history and culture.

Materials Needed:

- 18" x 11" poster paper, cardboard, or other flat material.
- Art materials (markers, paint, glue, crayons, etc.)
 - Feel free to include natural materials like sand, feathers, and plants, or other art pieces like photos, fabric, or pieces from a magazine to represent your symbol(s).
- Reference materials about California state symbols (books, printouts, online resources)

California State Symbols:

- Find all 42 California State Symbols here: <https://capitolmuseum.ca.gov/exhibits/state-symbols/#state-symbols>
- Examples include the California Poppy, California Quail and the California Golden Trout

Instructions:

- Research:
 - Use reference materials to learn more about each state symbol, and pick one or more to inspire your project. Understand their characteristics, significance, and why they were chosen to represent California.
- Brainstorming:
 - Think about how you can creatively represent your chosen symbol(s) in your artwork.
 - Consider colors, shapes, and arrangements that capture the essence and importance of your chosen symbol(s).
- Sketching:
 - Begin by sketching your ideas on paper. Experiment with different layouts to find the best way to showcase the significance and history of the symbol(s).
- Art Creation:
 - Once you're satisfied with your sketches, start creating your final art piece. Use your chosen materials to add color, texture, and details to bring your representation of California's state symbols to life.
 - Include your name, school, phone number, and a short description (2-4 sentences) of your art piece. This can be glued or written on the front or back of the art piece.
- Submission:
 - Drop off submissions by 5 p.m. on April 1 at Assemblymember Ward's district office at 2700 Adams Ave, San Diego, CA 92116. Coordinate a drop-off time by contacting Miki Holmes at Miki.Holmes@asm.ca.gov or call our office at (619) 280 – 7801.

Questions?

- Questions can be directed to Miki Holmes at Miki.Holmes@Asm.Ca.Gov.