Study Guide: Studies Weekly issues 3 and 4: California regions

**Words to know:**

1. Dam: A wall built across a river to hold back the water
2. Reservoir: A man-made lake that stores water for future use
3. Conservation: The act of protecting and managing natural resources
4. Natural resources: Things in nature, like water and trees, that humans use
5. Region: An area set apart because it is different from other areas
6. Winery: A special farm where grapes are grown for producing wine
7. Mediterranean climate: mild, rainy winters and warm, dry summers
8. Irrigation: A man-made system for watering crops
9. Relief map: A 3-D map showing the landforms of an area
10. Valley quail: The official state bird of CA

**Concepts to know:**

1. There are four regions in California: Pacific Coast Region, Central Valley, Deserts, and Mountains.
2. Each of the regions has resources that are important to the people of California. Be able to list the main resources in each area.
   1. Pacific Coast: the ocean for fishing and tourism, grapes for wine
   2. Mountains: trees for lumber, water, minerals
   3. Deserts: minerals, gas and oil
   4. Central Valley: rich soil and long, sunny days, specialty crops
3. California is known as the Golden State, because of gold found here, the golden-colored poppies, the great climate, the beaches, and the many forms of entertainment and fun.