

Discussion Topics for California as an Island:

1. Find three things that seem strange about the map.
2. What three features hint at the intended audience for this map?
3. Find three important features of the map.
4. What features of this map make it seem accurate?
5. How would this map have been interpreted at the time in which it was made?
6. Identify three things that suggest bias from the cartographer.
7. Describe three cartographic details or decorations you see on the map.
8. Identify how this cartographer depicted California as an Island, and try to ascertain how their depiction differs or is similar to other maps from the same time period.