

. There is no part of earth to be taken up, wherein there is not some special likelihood of gold or silver.  
Richard Hakluyt, *The Famous Voyage of Sir Francis Drake, 1589*, in *Principal Navigations...of the English Nation, 1598-1600*.

2. The men [of California] are thriftless, proud, and extravagant, and very much given to gaming; and the women have but little education, and a good deal of beauty, and their morality, of course, is none of the best.

Richard Henry Dana, Jr., *Two Years before the Mast*, 1843.

3. This valley [the San Joaquin] is a paradise. Grass, flowers, trees, beautiful clear rivers, thousands of deer, elk, wild horses, wonderful salmon...thousands of different kinds of ducks here, geese standing around as if tame.

Charles Preuss, diary, March 27, 1844, in *Exploring with Fremont* [1958]

[Preuss was the cartographer on Fremont's first, second, and fourth expeditions.]

4. Satan, from one of his elevations, showed mankind the kingdom of California, and they entered into a compact with him at once.

Henry David Thoreau, *Journal*, Feb. 2, 1852.

[Thoreau was writing specifically of the discovery of gold in California.]

California can and does furnish the best bad things that are obtainable in America.

Hinton R. Helper, *Land of Gold; Reality versus Fiction*, 1855.

5. California annexes the United States.

Anonymous, May 1869.

[This message was carried on a banner in the streets of San Francisco in celebration of the completion of the transcontinental railroad.]

6. The attraction and superiority of California are in its days. It has better days and more of them, than any other country.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Journal*, April-May 1871.

7. All scenery in California requires distance to give it charm.

Mark Twain, *Roughing It*, 1872.

8. An enthusiastic writer declared the climate of California to be "eminently favourable to the cure of gunshot wounds."

G.A. Sala, *America Revisited*, 1882.

9. When a tree takes a notion to grow in California nothing in heaven or on earth will stop it.

Lilian Leland, *Travelling Alone, A Woman's Journey Round the World*, 1890.

10. East is East, and West is San Francisco, according to California. Californians are a race of people, they are not merely inhabitants of a state.

O. Henry, *A Municipal Report*, in *Strictly Business*, 1910.