

Creating a California Soundscape

Think about a California community or landmark that inspires you. Take a physical or mental walk through that place and answer these questions.

What do you **notice**?

What do you **hear**?

What do you **see**?

What **people and/or places** do you see?

What **emotions or feelings** come to mind?

What **important elements** of this place would you like for others to know or experience?

Draw a picture (or create a collage) that represents the elements you want to communicate through your music



Is there a **musical inspiration** you would like to include? *For example, a folk song or your favorite style of music.*

What is the **mood** of your piece?

What **musical elements** will you use to create this mood? Look at some of the elements below to spark ideas.



Dynamics (loud or soft)



Tempo (fast or slow)



Instruments or Sounds

What is your primary **melodic theme**?

Draw the shape or write out the notes here.

How might you create **variations** on your melody or theme?

Will your composition have **lyrics**? If so, write them here:

What **title** will you give this piece? _____

