

List of Notable People From California's History

You may choose someone from this list or find a name on your own.

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| Ansel Adams (photographer) | Archy Lee (historic litigant) |
| Luis Walter Alvarez (physicist) | William Leidesdorff (businessman) |
| Albert Armendariz (lawyer) | Jack London (author) |
| Gertrude Atherton (writer) | Theodore Harold Maiman (inventor) |
| Judy Baca (artist) | David Marcus (attorney) |
| David Belasco (playwright and director) | Aimee Semple McPherson (evangelist) |
| Shirley Temple Black (actress) | Harvey Milk (politician and LGBT activist) |
| Robert Bower (physicist) | Armando Torres Morales (psychiatrist) |
| Dave Brubeck (jazz musician) | Emma Nevada (operatic soprano) |
| Octavia E. Butler (science fiction writer) | Richard M. Nixon (U.S. president) |
| César Chávez (labor and peace activist) | Isamu Noguchi (artist/architect) |
| Julia Child (chef) | Nam June Paik (video artist) |
| Frederick G. Cottrell (chemist) | Harry Partch (composer) |
| James deAnda (federal judge) | Linus Pauling (scientist) |
| Marshall Diaz (activist) | Mary Ellen Pleasant (businesswoman) |
| Joe DiMaggio (baseball player) | Ronald Reagan (U.S. president) |
| Walt Disney (animator) | Sally K. Ride (astronaut) |
| Isadora Duncan (dancer) | W. Byron Rumford (politician) |
| Clara Shortridge Foltz (attorney) | William Saroyan (author) |
| John C. Frémont (explorer) | John Serrano, Jr. (historic litigant) |
| Robert Frost (poet) | Lincoln Steffens (reporter) |
| Charles P. Ginsburg (inventor) | John Steinbeck (author) |
| Reuben Lucius "Rube" Goldberg (cartoonist) | Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo (military commander and rancher) |
| Richard Pancho Gonzales (tennis player) | Earl Warren (U.S. chief justice) |
| Rodolfo Gonzales (boxer) | Yick Wo (historic litigant) |
| Vincent Anthony "Vince" Guaraldi (jazz musician) | Beatrice Wood (sculptor) |
| Lou Harrison (composer) | |
| Sidney Howard (playwright and screenwriter) | |
| June Jordan (poet and civil rights activist) | |
| Younghill Kang (author) | |
| Fred T. Korematsu (activist) | |