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# — Progressive California (1870s) to the 21st Century (2000s) —

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1. Why was such great energy, passion, and courage committed to reform movements during our period? Evaluate labor unions, the Progressives, and efforts to expand democratic participation during our period. In your evaluation, rank the successes and failures of each and their most significant limitations.

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Essential Question:

1. Amongst the vast natural diversity of the Far West, aridity represents a significant theme. As Mark Twain famously quipped, “Out West, God provided plenty of whiskey to drink and just enough water to fight over.” Knowing the limits of California hydrology, trace the origins and most significant changes in California water policy from the Gold Rush to the Great Depression. What conflicts drove changes in policy, and what lessons can we draw for today?

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1. Describe and demonstrate how individuals and groups of Californians pursued social, political, and economic protection and participation during the period 1940–Present. If any group was successful, contrast their outcome with those still unsuccessful. What roles did the major political parties play in advancing civil rights?

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1. Today, California stands as one of the largest economies in the world. However, after nearly a century of development California remained an appendage of Washington and the federal government. Yet, after World War II the status of California changed dramatically. What had changed? Interpret the most significant economic and social consequences that originated in the post–World War II period.

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