

## Investigating: California Drought



California Drought, Laguna Lake © Docent Joyce, Flickr.


Watch this video to provide the context for the activity. Go to BBC website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-19121807>

- a) Visit websites below to find out what happened
- b) Using this information complete the Investigating California Droughts worksheet
- c) Questions to think about include:
  - What is drought?
  - What does this tell us about drought in California?
  - What is happening in California?
  - Why is this happening?

Use these websites to complete the California worksheet:

- Go Drought Monitor website  
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?CA>
- Go National Drought Mitigation Centre website <http://drought.unl.edu/DroughtforKids.aspx>
- Go Global Warming Isn't Causing Drought? Website  
<http://www.nbcnews.com/science/environment/global-warming-isnt-causing-california-drought-report-triggers-storm-n263941>
- California's vanishing lakes. Go to Daily Mail website  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2731091/California-s-vanishing-lakes-Before-photos-reveal-shocking-shriveling-effect-state-s-devastating-drought-decades.html>

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	<b>Causes of drought in California:</b>		<b>Impacts of drought in California:</b>	
	Social:			
	Economic:			
Political:				
<b>Actions taken in response to drought in California:</b>				

**Using an atlas or Google Earth label the map of California with the following key settlements:**

Los Angeles; San Diego; San Jose; San Francisco; Fresno; Sacramento

**Label the map of California with areas that are prone to drought using your own research**