

## The Anza Trail: Moving from Tubac to San Francisco

The following activity is suggested to engage the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade scholar in learning the importance of Southwest Arizona and how history can be found throughout their studies in many subjects. It takes into account the 2018 Arizona Standards in its design.



Suggested time – Class 30 minutes

### Objectives –

- Students will be exposed to why people move and who they meet along the way.
- Students will begin to develop an understanding of the role of economics and geography.
- Students will use a map to determine how far the trip took and calculate how long it would have taken Captain Anza, and how long it would take today.

### Materials –

Each Student will get or need:

Print the Anza Expedition Story for reading.

Look at the Anza Expedition Paintings.

Print the List of Potential Supplies.

Print a copy of the Map.

Print a copy of the Distance and Time Calculation page.

Print a copy of the Further Research page.

### Instructions –

Print the Anza Story page and have the student read it, either aloud or silently.

When finished, ask the student the following questions:

- Why did Captain Anza need to move people from Tubac to San Francisco?
- Who went on the trip with Captain Anza?
- Why would these settlers want to move to a new place they have never been before?
- Who did they meet along the way?
- What was different about the people, climate, and environment in San Francisco from Tubac?

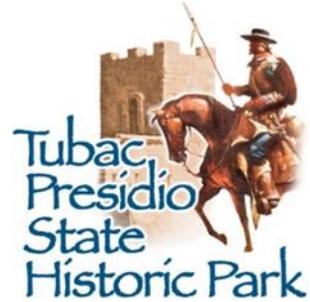
Look at the Anza Expedition Paintings, and see how they help tell the story of the trip.

Print the List of Potential Supplies. Have the student place a check mark by the items they Must take and those that would be Nice to Take. Explain that there is only so much room for shipping items.

Print the Map and Distance And Time Calculation Pages. The Map will show the distance between points. These will need to be added together to get the total distance from Tubac to San Francisco. Then complete the time calculation exercise.

If you wish more information about the Anza Expedition, use the Further Research page.

## The Anza Trail: Moving from Tubac to San Francisco The Anza Expedition Story



Captain Juan Bautista de Anza was the second commandant, or commander, of the Tubac Presidio. A presidio is a military base. Anza took command at the young age of twenty-four. By the 1770s, the Russians had sailed across the Pacific Ocean looking for seals and otters along the coasts of Canada and what is today the Northwestern United States. Spain, which controlled most of California and what is today the southwestern United States, did not want the Russians claiming northern California for themselves. So the King of Spain told the Viceroy of Mexico, the ruler of the Spanish Empire in North America, to pick someone to lead a group of settlers from northern Mexico and the Tubac area to settle in what they would call San Francisco, California. The viceroy picked Captain Anza.

Captain Anza needed to go by land, rather than sail boats along the coast of California, because along with the people, he needed to take a lot of supplies and animals, like over 1,000 cattle, horses and mules, for the new settlers. Anza and a few of his troops rode horses and found a way through the desert and mountains and made it to the San Francisco Bay area. Then he came back to see who would want to move to this new part of the country.

Several Families were willing to move from their homes to this new and strange land. It would not be an easy decision. These people had lived in northern Mexico for many years. They lived by their families and friends. However, the people interested in going did not have good work opportunities where they lived. They were the second and third sons in their families and would not inherit farms or businesses their parents owned. These people looked at their families and decided they wanted more opportunities for a better life for themselves and their children.

Once they decided to move to the new country these families knew their lives would be different and that they would have to work hard to make this new beginning. They would have to make new friends with the other people who were making the trip with them. They would have to decide what to take along. They probably could not take all of their things as they were travelling by horse and mule and there was only so much room. They would need food, and pots and pans to cook with, and tools to build a new house, and tools to farm or to start a business. They needed different clothes since they were going from a desert to a wooded area by the ocean.

240 people from thirty families decided to make the trip. They left from Tubac and on the very first night a new mother had a baby. There were no hospitals or doctors so Captain Anza helped the other mothers deliver the baby. The delivery was hard on the new mother. She got sick and did not survive, but the baby lived and made it all the way

to San Francisco. All this happened on the first day! It looked like it was going to be a hard and long journey.

Along the way the settlers met different tribes of Native Americans than they knew from their old home towns. Most of the settlers had parents and grandparents who were from Native American, Spanish, and Black cultures. Culture means how one group of people established their government, arts and ways of doing things, what they were familiar with, what would have been different from what other groups of people do. Having a family history of many mixed cultures means the settlers were used to trying new ways of doing things, eating different foods, and had family histories that were exciting and strange. Still, meeting new people who did things differently than you could be a little scary until the settlers made friends with these new folks. Captain Anza took the settlers across rivers, through deserts, and over mountains. It even snowed and got very cold which would have been a new experience for many of the settlers. Water was scarce, and sometimes food for the horses and cattle was hard to come by. Finally, the settlers made it to San Francisco Bay and were ready to build new homes and start a new village.

They would have had to decide where to build their house and what to make it out of, adobe bricks like their old houses, or maybe boards since there were more trees around. They would have had to make friends with a new group of Native Americans because the tribes that were in the San Francisco area were very different from the Indians they knew in northern Mexico. While the settlers probably spoke Spanish, the local Native Americans probably did not. They would need to find a way to communicate and trade for goods and services. The settlers would have had to learn to fish for food and which fish were good to eat and how best to cook them. There may have been more bears in the woods and other animals than they were used to. There were probably no javalinas near San Francisco. They would have had to start gardens and build fences around them so the cattle and horses did not get at the settler's food. Moving meant a lot of work needed to be done in a short period of time. The settlers were willing to do this because it meant a better future for their families, more money, and more enjoyment once the work was done.

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Distance and Time Calculation Page



You want to know how long the trip from Tubac to San Francisco is going to take. Add the number of miles found on the Map. Then, assume you are going by horse which goes X miles a day. Then figure the same distance if you were driving by car today and going at 65 miles an hour.

List the miles from Tubac to San Francisco as found on the map then add them.

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Total Miles \_\_\_\_\_

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Divide by 165 days \_\_\_\_\_

Miles per day by horse \_\_\_\_\_

The trip by horse took X days. How many miles per day is that?

Now assume you are going by car which goes 65 miles per hour. Divide the total miles by 65.

Total Miles \_\_\_\_\_

Divide by 65 miles per hour \_\_\_\_\_

Hours to make the trip \_\_\_\_\_

If you drove for 6 hours a day how many days faster would the car trip be? \_\_\_\_\_

**The Anza Trail: Moving from Tubac to San Francisco**  
**List of Potential Supplies**

Check the box of what you would take if you were moving from Tubac to San Francisco. These are the things you will need either on the trip or when you get to your new home. You cannot take everything your own because there is not enough room or because the item is not really necessary. If there is room you might take things to trade with the local Native Americans.

Assume you can take ten “must have” items and ten “nice to have” items.

Must Have	Nice to Have	Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blankets
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra shoes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pots and pans
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knives, forks, spoons
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gardening tools
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing rods
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saws
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Candy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beans
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flour
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Story books
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Horseshoes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra shirts and pants
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hat
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hammer
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Candles
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guitar
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sleeping bag
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gloves
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Games
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicine
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box of Tissues
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plates
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cup
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seeds
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pictures/drawings of family or friends
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flints to start fires
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bowling ball
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hair ribbons

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Further Research

To look at more about the Anza Expedition, look at:

Visit the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park to see exhibits that explain the trip and show artifacts representing the items taken on the trip.

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[www.tubacpresidio.org](http://www.tubacpresidio.org)



Or for more of the story, maps, and the story of Maria who may have taken the journey:

The National Park Service Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

<https://www.nps.gov/juba/index.htm>

and

<https://www.nps.gov/gis/storymaps/mapjournal/v2/index.html?appid=97cf0c92a51f4fabab8e62ae0c816e4a>