Exploring the California MISSIONS Everyday Life
In order to find out about people from the past...
historians look at their stuff
It’s your turn to be the historian: let’s investigate their stuff!
Fact:
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This is a list of what the Franciscans brought with them to California.

Estado general, 1769
José de Gálvez, Spanish Colonial Administrator
Single Document; List of provisions for San Diego and Monterey
Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens
There are hundreds of things on this list
Some of them are...
Religious items like candles and silver cups
Farming tools such as hoes, rakes, and oxen yokes
Foods including wheat, spices from far away, and wine
In fact, they brought A LOT of stuff

**Beans & Grains**
- Twenty-five fanegas of corn
- One tercio of rice
- Four tercios of fine flour

**Farming Tools**
- Six large machetes for cleaning up (brush, etc.)
- Twelve new, large hoes
- Pickaxes, plowshares and other iron tools

**Animals**
- Three saddle mules
- Eight pack mules, six broken and two unbroken
- Nine milch (chichiguas) cows and a breed bull and a yoke of oxen
- A rochet of Bramant linen, with floral design and lace

**Religious Items**
- Portrait of the Holy Patron
- A chalice for the celebration of Mass

- Oils, surplice, ritual, baptismal shell and a bell
- Two purificators of fine linen
- Two blank books bound in red leather for entries

- Canvas portrait of more than a vara in length of the Virgin Mary, showing a condemned man on her shoulders
- A new Missal with the Saints of our Order
- Castile wax for Masses for a year
- A chalice for the celebration of Mass
- Amice of Breton lace

**Farming Tools**
- Two axes for clearing or preparing charcoal

*The measure of one tercio is uncertain; A fanega equals about two and a half bushels; A vara measures two feet, nine inches*
But...
The Native Californians had their own plans
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Louis Choris, French Artist
Color lithograph
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, gift of Carol L. Valentine
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How did the Native Californians and the Franciscans impact one another?
What do you think happened?
These are some of the things that happened...
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Mission San Gabriel, about 1832
Ferdinand Deppe, German Artist
Oil on canvas
Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library
California Natives

- Light-weight clothing
- Hunter-Gatherers
- Rotated village sites seasonally

Franciscans

- Wool clothing
- Farmers
- Lived in one place
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