**高二年级英语第一课时《M8U1 阅读学习》学习指导**

**目标与建议：**

阅读文本，理解使得加州文化多样的历史背景，画思维导图，回答理解性问题，整理有用表达，获取写作相关的表达方式及技巧，并应用到写作当中，学会写课文概括（口头表达也可），提升表达能力。

**General quiz about the USA.**

1. How many states are there in the USA?

A .49. B. 50. C. 51. D. 48.

2. The most important and largest river in the United States of America is .

A. the Ohio River B. the Colorado River

C. the Missouri River D. the Mississippi River

3. California is the largest state in the USA.

A. second B. third C. fourth D. fifth

4. California, a state in the western USA, borders .

A. the Pacific Ocean B. the Indian Ocean C. The Atlantic Ocean D. the Arctic Ocean

5. is California's largest and the nation's second largest city.

A. Sacramento B. Los Angeles C. San Diego D. San Francisco

6. California's official nickname is the .

A. Sunflower State B. Golden State C. Land of Opportunity D. Evergreen State

7. has the largest population in the USA.

A. California B. Alaska C. Washington D. Texas

8. California entered the Union on September 1850, as the state.

A. thirtieth B. thirty-eighth C. thirty-second D. thirty-first

**Reading tasks:**

1. Please draw a mind map to summarize the important events in different times of Californian history.

1. Beside each cultural group write the period in which they first came to California in large numbers.

Spanish Russians Africans Chinese

Italians Danish Jewish Japanese

Koreans Cambodians Vietnamese Pakistanis

1. Why is California such a multicultural community? What problems do you think might arise?
2. Write a summary of the passage with the help of the exercises and the useful expressions.

**Useful words and expressions:**

1. ...is the first/second/ third largest state / city /country in...

2. ...has the largest population.

3. It also has the distinction of being the most...state in..., having attracted people from all over the world.

4. The customs and languages of ...live on in their new home.

5. This diversity of culture is not surprising when you know the history of ...

6. Exactly when the first people arrived in what we now know as ..., no one really knows.

7. However, it is likely that ...were living in...at least...years ago. Scientists believe that these settlers crossed...to...by means of...

8. In the...century, after the arrival of the ..., the native people suffered greatly.

9. Today there are ...living in ... than in any other ...

10. be ruled by ... / gain independence from / become part of / declare war on / settle in /make a life / despite great hardship

11. That is why …speak … as a first or second language.

12. People from different parts of the world, attracted by the climate and the lifestyles, still immigrate to .... It is believed that before long the mix of nationalities will be so great that there will be no distinct major racial or cultural groups, but simply a mixture of many races and cultures.