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Instructions: Answer the following questions.

1. Name four “service” jobs in your county. (1 point each)
   1. ____________________________________________
   2. ____________________________________________
   3. ____________________________________________
   4. ____________________________________________

Instructions: Fill in the missing words in this paragraph. (1 point each)

2. Farmers in California grow __________________________ and __________________________. Farming is a business in the economy of California. Dairy farmers take care of cows. Cows make __________________________. One “good” made from milk is __________________________. Oil is another business in California. Oil is found in the __________________________. Many goods are made from trees, including this __________________________. Many movies are made in California. When movie stars entertain us, they provide a __________________________.
**Instructions:** Read and complete the following.

Many goods are grown or made in California. Some of these goods are grown or made in other parts of the United States. Some of these goods are grown or made abroad.

3. Choose four of the following California goods: cement, cotton, dairy products, film and TV, grapes, lumber, oil, or oranges. Write them in the first column of the chart below.

Identify one other state in the United States where each good you chose is grown or made. Write the name of that state in the second column of the chart below. (1 point each)

Identify one foreign country (a place abroad) where each good you chose is grown or made. Write the name of that country in the third column of the chart below. (1 point each)

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Instructions: Write a paragraph on the lines below to complete the task. (6 points)

4. Name your favorite business in California and explain how is it part of the economy of California.

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Instructions: Find your county on the map below and color it in. Write about your county in the boxes around the map.

Name of My County: (1 point)

Human-made Parts of My County:
(1 point each up to 3 points)

Natural Features in My County:
(1 point each up to 5 points)

Service Industries in My County:
(1 point each up to 3 points)

Other Industries in My County:
(1 point each up to 3 points)
Name: _____________________________________

**Instructions:** Write a paragraph to answer the questions in the space below. (5 points)

What are the industries in our county? Why do you think they are here?

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Instructions: Choose two industries from our county and write the name of each in the top of the triangles below. Then read the question in each square and answer it inside the square. (5 points for each industry along with a list of natural resources they use)

What are the **Natural Resources** in our county needed by this industry? (draw or write them)

What are the **Natural Resources** in our county that are needed by this industry? (draw or write them)

Instructions: Fill in the missing words in this paragraph. (1 point each)

One industry in the economy of my county is __________________________.

The natural resources it needs are __________________________ and __________________________. The industry gets those from my county.

In the past, this industry used __________________________.

This industry has changed because __________________________.
**Instructions:** Choose an industry or business and complete the chart below with words or pictures. (1 point each, up to 8 points)

Industry or Business: ____________________________________________

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**Instructions:** Think about costs and benefits of doing business today and in the past. Then, fill in the missing words in the paragraph below. (1 point each)

The __________________ industry has the __________________ costs and benefits now as it did in the past. The costs are __________________

_______________________________. The benefits are __________________

_______________________________. The industry is different because _____________________________.

Time has passed, but the ____________________________ in businesses are the same.
Instructions: Write your own paragraph about the costs and benefits of making a product in the past and making it today. What is the same and what is different? (6 points)
Instructions: Think about what happened in the story *So Many Decisions to Make* and answer these questions. (2 points each)

1. What kinds of decisions did Juana have to make? Circle the best answer.
   a. Labor: who to hire
   b. Natural resources: where to get water
   c. Natural resources: where to plant grapes
   d. All of the above.

2. Name one other decision Juana had to make:

3. What are the benefits of Juana’s business? Select the best answer(s) and circle the correct letter(s). You may select more than one answer.
   a. Jobs
   b. Grapes (the good)
   c. Water
   d. Money

4. Name one of the costs in the grape-farming business:
Instructions: Write a paragraph to answer the questions below. (10 points)

Pretend you want to start a business. What would the business be? What are some of the things you must decide? Why it is important to think carefully about these things?

Use these words in your answer: cost, benefit, natural resources, jobs, and money.