



Create Your Own Seal Activity

A seal is a piece of wax, lead, or other material with an individual design stamped into it. They are usually used to authenticate documents. Seals have been used by officials since 3500 BC, but today, we often see them on flags or official buildings.

The United States of America, all fifty states, and many counties and cities have their own seal - and no two are alike. Each seal uses symbols such as people, animals, and words to represent the state's history and resources.

- In the center is a steam train and railroad tracks, representing the Transcontinental Railroad.
- Above, and to the right of the train are pine trees and steep mountains, representing the Sierra Nevada.
- To the left of the railroad track is a grove of trees, representing Placer's rich agricultural history, and a pick and shovel, symbolizing the Gold Rush.
- Surrounding the art is the "County of Placer, State of California" and a gold braid.



Imagine that you have been tasked with creating a new seal for the County of Placer. Design a seal with people, objects, jobs, plants, animals, or phrases that represent Placer County.

Instructions:

- Collect your materials:
 - Print out the County Seal template or get a piece of paper.
 - Find crayons, pencils, markers, or other drawing materials.
- Look at the Placer County Seal and thinking about the history of the County. What is the landscape like? Who has lived, or lives here? What jobs have been, or are important? What animals are here?
- Design a new seal!

Once you're done, have your adult help share your picture with Placer County Museums on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @placercountymuseums #placercountymuseums



Design Your Own Placer County Seal!

What do **YOU** think represents Placer County? What do you see where you live? Think about the animals, plants, peoples, and buildings. What words come to mind? Use your imagination!

