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Junipero Serra

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When the expedition to Asia led by Christopher Columbus in 1492 unexpectedly landed in the Americas instead of the spice-rich Indies, an exchange of products, plants, animals, and ideas between Europe and the Americas ensued. A by-product of this so-called Columbian Exchange was the domination of the various civilizations in the Americas by the more powerful European countries. Spain was one European country that initially formed the largest colonial empire, controlling most of Central and South America. In the 1700's, Spain sought to expand their colonies by moving into Alta (Upper) California and building a string of forts and churches. One key figure in this Spanish expansion movement was Father Junípero Serra, a Catholic missionary. Junípero Serra, a Franciscan priest who helped found nine missions in what is today California, was noted for being an innovative, tenacious, and faithful person.

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Junípero Serra showed impressive innovation during his life. Serra's forethought of what would be required for the Spanish to push into Alta California was helpful to the expedition's commander, Count de Galvez (Couve 53). Serra had a vision for Alta California (Sandos 3)—to create a series of missions up the coast in order to establish communities of Christians among the natives. He founded nine missions in his lifetime