

TEACHER NOTES:

- Before the first read
 - High Frequency words to highlight:
 - and → appears 17 times
 - their → appears 5 times
 - that → appears 4 times
 - they → appears 3 times
 - Tier 2 words to highlight:
 - invent → appears 11 times in different forms, (like inventor, invention)
 - reflect → appears 3 times in different forms
 - innovate → appears 4 times in different forms
- First read
 - Read aloud to students
 - Choral Read the introductory paragraph
- Second Read
 - Students read silently in order to answer the “test questions”
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- Third read
 - Third read: Fill in the blank
 - Reading Response: [Use my slides!](#) The last slide is the writing prompt.

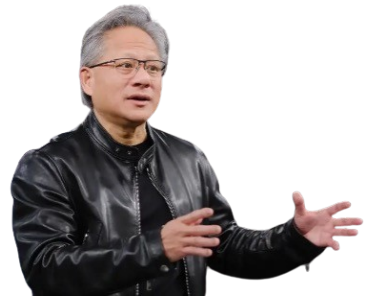
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California Entrepreneurs

Introduction

California has always been a place where people come to invent, design and innovate. Many entrepreneurs are drawn to California's energy. Jensen Huang is an inventor who improved GPU; Larry Page & Sergey Brin invented Google; Jessica Alba, created a line of products that was more natural, more clean. Their stories reflect the spirit of California: entrepreneurship.



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Jensen Huang was born in Taiwan and later moved to Oregon, eventually coming to California to study and later work in the tech industry. He had a modest background and worked as a dishwasher while attending school. Motivated by a love for technology, Huang co-founded NVIDIA in California in 1993. His company designed powerful GPUs—graphics processing units—that changed the way computers think, learn, and display images. These chips helped develop fields like gaming, medicine, and artificial intelligence. Huang's work reflects the California spirit of innovation, where people from all over the world come to conceive big ideas and turn them into reality.

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garage, designing it to organize the world's information and make it easy to find. Their invention changed how people learn, connect, and share knowledge globally. Like many Californians, Page and Brin believed in solving problems and making life better for others.

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These entrepreneurs were not all born in California but developed their dreams in California. California is a place known for welcoming creativity and bold ideas. Their stories show how people from different backgrounds can conceive powerful changes that affect the world. More than just businesses, their inventions reflect California's identity as a place where innovation is not just encouraged—it's expected.

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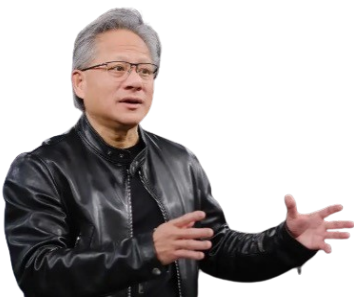
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