

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2013 PROJECT SUMMARY

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**Project Number** 

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## **Project Title**

# **Coastal or Mountains?**

#### **Abstract**

## **Objectives/Goals**

Through this experiment I tried to make successful glazes for potters to use made from materials near my home.

### Methods/Materials

I gathered and processed twelve materials from around the area I live in. I created tiles where each material was applied alone, applied in a 2 part mix with wood ash, and applied in a 3 part mix with ash and local clay.

I fired 3 sets of tiles to 3 different temperatures, Cone 3, Cone 6, and Cone 10.

### **Results**

I found that several local materials or combinations of materials could form glazes, especially at higher temperatures.

#### **Conclusions/Discussion**

Our local materials have a wide range of color and surfaces at different temperatures. Materials from lower altitudes seem to have lower melting points. I am excited for further testing and making pottery with my results.

## **Summary Statement**

Creating ceramic glazes from local materials.

### **Help Received**

Mother helped type, Father drove and helped make test tiles. Father helped load and fire kilns.