**U.S. History Spark**  
Copy the title and the prompt into your notes. Then respond in 3-5 sentences.

**Sp52: “California: Rock-bound and Cheerless”**

As you know, California was a controversial state in the years leading up to the Civil War. Daniel Webster is reported to have said of what is now California,

“What do we want with this vast, worthless area? This region of savages and wild beasts, of deserts and shifting sands and whirlwinds of dust, of cactus and prairie dogs… What can we ever hope to do with the western coast, a coast of three-thousand miles, rock-bound, cheerless, uninviting, and not a harbor on it?”

\*Do not write the part in blue

Write Webster a short letter about what California is like today.