

CATALINA ISLAND

Island in Balance

GRADES 3–5

TEAM OF 4

BATTLE OF THE COUNTIES

YOUR CHALLENGE

Build for Catalina. Create something that responds to a need or opportunity you discovered on the island.

BEFORE YOU BUILD:

Avalon & tourism →

Wildlife & habitat →

Wildfire & restoration →

Find a need

1

Build Your Vision

in Minecraft Education

Create something for the former Cubs spring-training area that responds to a need or opportunity you discovered on Catalina.

- **2+ features** that help your idea work
- Use something you learned about Catalina's people, history, wildlife, environment, tourism, or community
- Show who or what it helps and why it belongs on Catalina

2

Add a Board

place 1+ near your build

Your Board must include:

Project Name

The Need or Opportunity

Our Idea

Who or What It Helps

Catalina Connection

Why It Matters

Need help? [How to use Boards](#)

3

Create an NPC

1+ character who explains your idea

- Give it a **name** and a **job** tied to your build
- Use dialogue to explain your idea and why it matters
- Add **1+ external link** that supports your idea

Need help? [How to create an NPC](#)

4

Record a Tour

a video walkthrough of your build

≤ 3 MIN

EVERY VOICE

MP4

- Show your build, Board, and NPC
- Explain what you created and the need it responds to
- Share something you learned on Catalina that shaped your idea
- Tell who or what it helps, how it's used, and why it belongs on Catalina

Screen recording: [Windows / PC](#) | [Chromebook](#)

Other recorders OK with teacher approval — export to MP4.



SHOW WHAT YOUR TEAM LEARNED.

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Catalina Island Design Rubric



TEAM SCORE

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CRITERIA	1 Emerging	2 Developing	3 Progressing	4 Excelling	PTS
Catalina Design Challenge Does it fit the island?	No clear need, opportunity, or purpose yet.	Shows an idea, but the need or who it helps isn't clear.	Clearly responds to a need or opportunity on Catalina and shows who or what it helps.	Thoughtful understanding of Catalina; a meaningful idea that fits the island and serves a clear purpose.	____ / 4
Catalina Learning & Connection Did Catalina shape it?	No connection to Catalina learning yet.	Mentions Catalina, but the link to the build is unclear.	Uses at least 1 useful idea or discovery from Catalina to shape the design.	Clearly shows how learning about Catalina's community, history, wildlife, environment, or visitors shaped the idea.	____ / 4
Design & Creativity Is the build purposeful?	Incomplete, or purpose is hard to understand.	Some purposeful features, but they need more detail or connection.	2+ purposeful features that support the idea.	Creative, purposeful features work together to create something useful and connected to Catalina.	____ / 4
Communication & Team Voice Board · NPC · link · tour	Board, NPC, link, or tour missing. Team voices unclear.	Some parts done; explanation or teamwork unclear.	Board & NPC explain the idea, NPC has a relevant link, tour includes every voice .	All parts work together to explain the idea, its Catalina connection, and why it matters. Everyone contributes meaningfully.	____ / 4

Level 3 = all requirements met. Level 4 = goes beyond.