

California Gold Rush Internet Scavenger Hunt Activity WebQuest



Directions: Click on the following link to answer the questions

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Gold is Found in California

1. Who first discovered gold and where was it discovered?

2. What was James building when he found the shiny flakes of gold?

3. What happened when James told John Sutter about the discovery?

The Forty-niners

4. Before the gold rush, there were only around _____ non Native Americans living in California.

5. How many people arrived in 1849 to hunt for gold?

6. Where did these people come from? Name 2 places.

Digging for Gold

7. Many of the first prospectors did make a lot of money. They often made _____ times in a day what they could working a normal job.

What is “panning for gold”?

8. When panning for gold, what did miners do?

9. After shaking the pan for a while, the gold will be on the _____ of the pan and the _____ material will be at the top. Then the miner can extract the gold and set it aside.

Supplies

10. Name the typical supplies used by miners

- _____
- _____
- _____

11. Why did the store and business owners often become wealthier than the miners?

Boomtowns

12. Name two examples of boomtowns during the gold rush.

Ghost Towns

13. A lot of boomtowns eventually turned into abandoned ghost towns. When the _____ ran out in an area, the miners would leave to find the next gold _____.

