CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

Internet Scavenger Hunt WebQuest Activity

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Directions: Click on the following link to answer the questions!

http://www.ducksters.com/history/westward_expansion/california_gold_rush.php

Gold is Found in California

1. Who first discovered gold and where did he discover it?

_________________________________________________________________

2. What was James building for John Sutter when he found shiny flakes of gold in the river?

_________________________________________________________________

3. James told John Sutter about the discovery and they tried to keep it secret. However, soon word got out and _______________ were rushing to California to find gold.

The Forty-Niners

4. Around 6,000 people arrived in California in 1848. How many people arrived in 1849?

_________________________________________________________________

5. Many people that went to California were Americans, however, some came from many different places. Name two places that some people came from.

: ___________________________________________________________________

: ___________________________________________________________________

Digging for Gold

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

What is “panning for gold”? 

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7. When panning for gold, miners put ________ and ________ into a pan and then shook the pan back and forth.

8. After shaking the pan for a while, the gold will be on the __________ of the pan and the worthless material will be at the ________.

**Supplies**

9. Typical supplies for a miner include:
   • ____________________
   • ____________________
   • ____________________

10. Why did the business owners who sold supplies to miners often become wealthier than the miners?
    ________________________________________________________________

**Boomtowns**

11. Whenever gold was discovered in a new place, miners would move in and make a mining camp. Name two places where there were boomtowns during the gold rush.
   • ____________________
   • ____________________

**Ghost Towns**

12. Why did a lot of boomtowns eventually turn into abandoned ghost towns?
   • When ______ ran out in the area, the miners would __________ to find the next ____________.
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