

Story Study Guide
The California Gold Rush
Prepare and due on _____

After reading the story over, please prepare yourself for the written test by answering the following questions. *Respond to these on this sheet if possible.* You may use your notebook if you feel it necessary for neatness and space.

Underline the correct response to multiple choice questions. Begin and end your sentence correctly, besides making sure that your sentence has a subject and predicate.

1. **When the news of the gold discovered at Sutter's Fort reached the East, at first people**

- a. were excited
- b. ignored it

2. **When John Sutter arrived in California, he became a citizen of**

- a. Mexico
- b. the United States

3. **How did the workmen respond when Marshall told them he had found gold?**

4. **Why was James Marshall working on the American river in 1848?**

5. **How did people in San Francisco react when Brannan came back to the city with gold dust?**

6. **Why did 200 Mormons com to California?**

7. **What made Marshall think that the shiny pebbles he found were gold?**

8. Why did Sam Brannan publish a special edition of his paper to send to the East?

9. John Sutter dreamed of

- a. owning a cattle ranch
- b. creating a farming empire

10. Stories about the gold at Sutter's Fort reached the East

- a. through letters, reports, and newspaper articles
- b. because President Polk went West to see for himself

VOCABULARY this week!

Fill in the blanks with the words from the word bank.

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| emigrants | abandon | persecution | prospecting | verify |
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1. The _____ (people who have left their own homeland to settle in a new one) wrote to the relatives that they left in their homeland.
2. The Pilgrims left their homeland to escape _____ (the mistreatment or harassment of a person or group of people) from others.
3. Settlers would _____ (to give up something; to stop working on something) their homes when they moved out West.
4. The miners were _____ (searching for gold or some other valuable product) for gold.

5. The lawyer had to _____ (declared real, authentic, or true) the signature on the will was real.

**Study these Spelling words:
Spelling: Review Words**

**climbing
golfing
drowsier
prettier
curlier**

**dancing
chillier
emptying
noisier
speediest**

**exploring
dirtiest
gloomier
windiest
sweatiest**

**fishing
dizziest
heaviest
liveliest
filthier**

Practice these in cursive. Correct letter formation is a must!

*A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z*