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CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH ANTICIPATION GUIDE

Read each statement and decide if it is True or False. Complete the left column before the reading by circling the T for True or the F for False. Complete the right column after finish the reading. Did any of your answers change?

BEFORE READING	STATEMENT	AFTER READING
T F	lifornia Gold Rush ended in 1855.	T F
T F	as originally known as Sierra Texas.	T F
T F	Those w avel o California by boat were calle rgonauts.	T F
T F	rs usea method d potting to separate gol d dirt.	T F
T F	The ar a where a was foun ecame known as old C y.	T F
T F	Samuel Bra s one of the 1st rchants to set up a shop.	T F
T F	Jeremy Sutte owne er's Mill.	T F
T F	The gold was first di ered at S r's Mi	T F
T F	James Marshall was the fir erson to scover gold flakes.	T F

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DID YOU KNOW?

The People that arriv alifornia in 1849 were known as the 'f s'.

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California Gold Rush

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Answer the questions below. Then on the coloring page, color each numbered section with the corresponding color.
If there is any space left over, color it your choice! Follow the directions provided to cite evidence from the reading.

Questions	Text Evidence	Answer A	Answer B
#1 What were the overnight towns called?	Find proof in the reading and UNDERLINE it in PURPLE	Blasttowns ORANGE	Boomtowns RED
#2 What year did California become a state?	Find proof in the reading and CIRCLE it in GREEN	1850 PURPLE STRIPES	1842 BLUE STRIPES
#3 What year was the Foreign Miners Tax repealed?	Find proof in the reading and BOX it in RED	1851 YELLOW	1886 ORANGE
#4 What year did the California Gold Rush start?	Find proof in the reading and BOX it in YELLOW	1842 RED	1848 ORANGE
#5 What year was gold discovered in California?	Find proof in the reading and CIRCLE it in ORANGE	1896 BLUE	1856 BROWN
#6 How many million ounces of gold were discovered?	Find proof in the reading and UNDERLINE it in PURPLE	12 ORANGE STRIPES	3 GREEN STRIPES

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CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

The California Gold Rush lasted from 1848 to 1855. California was not yet a state, so the area was known as Sierra Nevada. Over 300,000 people rushed to the area to search for gold.

Between 1848 and 1850 San Francisco's population quickly grew. Most of the "forty-niners" arrived by sea after long and dangerous voyages. Unfortunately, many of them died from shipwreck or diseases on the journey.

Thousands of immigrants searching for gold arrived by sea. Those who traveled to California by boat were called "Argonauts." The name was based on Greek Mythology where a ship named the "Argo" was in search of the Golden Fleece.

The gold was first discovered at Sutter's Mill in California. James Marshall was the first person to find shiny gold flakes in the river. John Sutter, the owner of the mill tried to keep the discovery a secret but word quickly spread. Samuel Brannan was one the first merchants to set up a shop selling supplies for panning gold. He is famous for running through San Francisco shouting "Gold! Gold! Gold from the American River!"

Newspaper reports must have helped hundreds of immigrants from all around the world traveled to California to search for gold. The area where gold was found quickly became known as Gold Country. The Gold Rush was the largest mass migration in US history.

People came to pan for gold from Latin America, France, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Africa, China and the Caribbean. Thousands of ships were left abandoned in the San Francisco harbor while their owners went panning for gold. Within two years, the population of San Francisco jumped from 1,000 to 25,000.

Miners used a method called panning to separate gold and dirt. The miners would scoop the river gravel into a pan and shake it back and forth. Gold is heavy therefore it would stay on the bottom of the pan.

Thousands of gold miners needed pans, shovels, and daily living supplies. Store owners that sold the supplies became richer than the miners. Prices for daily items skyrocketed. The store owners sold supplies at high prices and miners were willing to pay in their attempt to strike it rich."

When new gold was discovered miners would travel from town to town

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