

# California Gold Rush

## DIGITAL NOTEBOOK

Click on the activity below to be taken to that slide.

**TRUE OR  
FALSE**

**Q & A**

**JIGSAW  
PUZZLE**

**FILL IN  
THE BLANK**

**VOCAB  
WORDS**

**RESEARCH**

**SHORT  
RESPONSE**

**MAZE  
PHRASE**



# TRUE OR FALSE



Directions: Drag the answers into the correct area based on the statement.

TRUE

Historians say about 2 million ounces of gold was discovered during the California Gold Rush.

FALSE

Gold is very light, therefore it floated to the top of the pan.



# QUESTIONS



Instructions: Drag the answers to the correct area.

## QUESTION

- 1 How did most 'forty-niners' arrive to the area?
- 2 Where was gold first discovered?
- 3 Who was one the first merchants to set up a shop selling supplies for panning gold?
- 4 What did the area where gold was found become known as?
- 5 What were the 'overnight' towns called?
- 6 Which president confirmed there was gold in 1848?

## ANSWER

- 1 By sea
- 2 DRAG ANSWER HERE
- 3 DRAG ANSWER HERE
- 4 DRAG ANSWER HERE
- 5 DRAG ANSWER HERE
- 6 DRAG ANSWER HERE

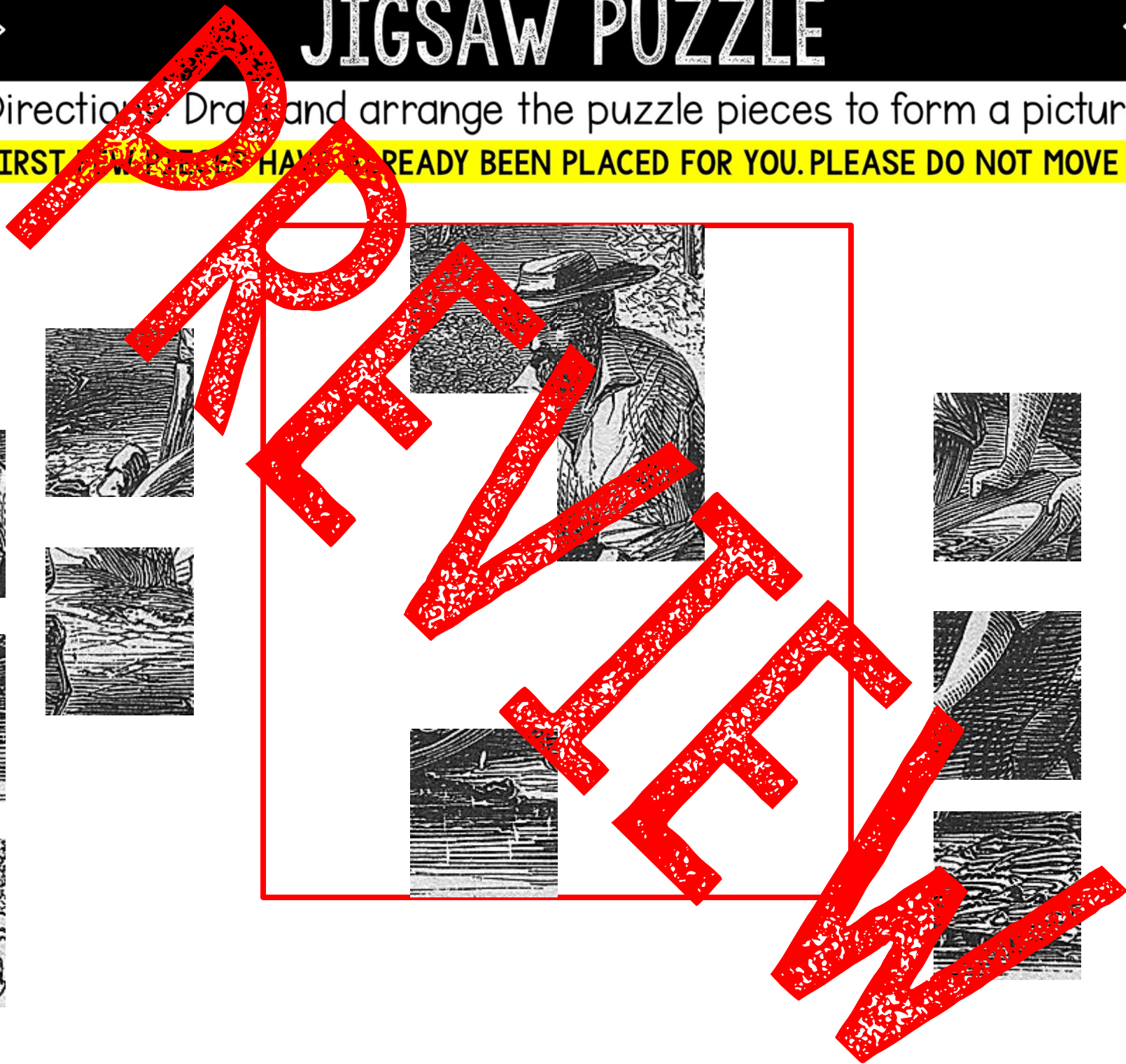


# JIGSAW PUZZLE



Directions: Drag and arrange the puzzle pieces to form a picture.

**THE FIRST FOUR PIECES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PLACED FOR YOU. PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THEM.**





# FILL IN THE BLANK



Directions: Drag the correct word to complete the sentence.

The California Gold Rush lasted from  
\_\_\_\_ **1848** \_\_\_\_ to 1855. California was not yet a  
state so the area was known as  
\_\_\_\_ Nevada \_\_\_\_\_. Over 300,000 people  
rushed to the area to search for  
\_\_\_\_\_. Between 1848 and 1850 San  
Francisco's \_\_\_\_\_ quickly  
grew. Most of the "\_\_\_\_\_ miners"  
arrived by sea after long and  
dangerous voyages. Unfortunately,  
many of them died from \_\_\_\_\_  
diseases on the journey. Thousands of  
\_\_\_\_\_ searching for gold  
arrived by sea. Those who traveled to  
California by \_\_\_\_\_ were called  
"Argonauts." The name was based on  
Greek Mythology where a ship named  
the "Argo" was in search of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fleece.

## WORD BANK

population

Sierra

boat

forty

immigrants

golden

shipwreck



# VOCABULARY



Directions: Drag the correct word to match the definition.

## DEFINITION

- 1 Person involved with trade
- 2 A person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country
- 3 A factory in which logs are sawed into lumber by machine
- 4 Wash gravel in a pan to separate
- 5 To leave a place empty
- 6 Move to a new area

## WORD

- 1 Merchant
- 2 DRAG ANSWER HERE
- 3 DRAG ANSWER HERE
- 4 DRAG ANSWER HERE
- 5 DRAG ANSWER HERE
- 6 DRAG ANSWER HERE



# RESEARCH



Directions: Research the keywords found below and write at least 3 facts about them regarding the California Gold Rush.

GHOST  
TOWNS

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photo  
here

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Type here:

Insert  
photo  
here

JAMES K.  
POLK

MASS  
MIGRATION

Insert  
photo  
here

Type here:



# TYPE YOUR ANSWER



Directions: Type your answer below each question.

1

If you were the first person to find shiny gold flakes, what would you have done?

Type here

2

Why do you think people from all over the world rushed to California?

Type here

3

Why was panning for gold considered risky?

Type here

4

Do you think John Sutter should have received some sort of compensation?

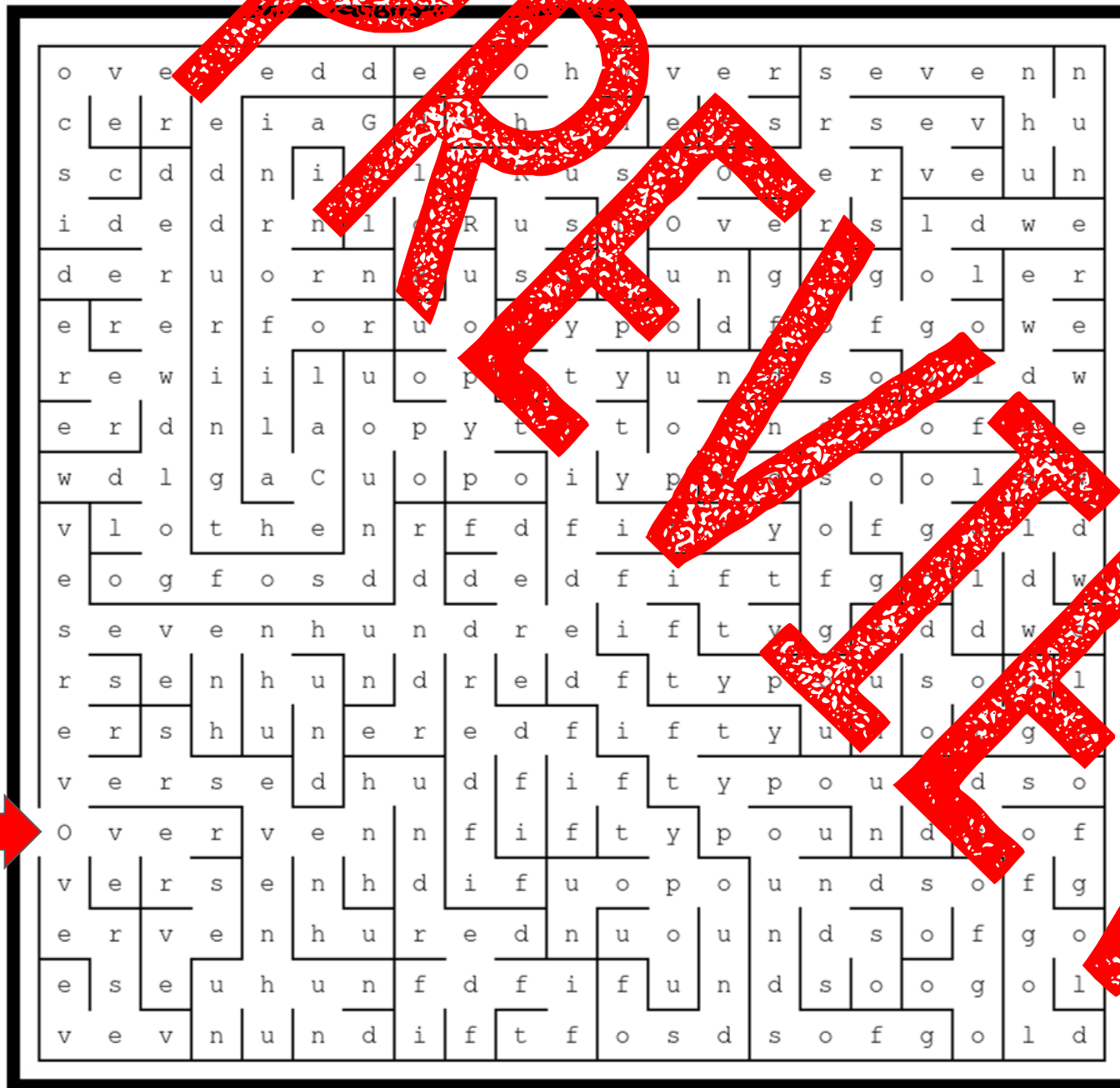
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# MAZE



Directions: Type the phrase found in the maze.



Type the phrase  
here: