

California Gold Rush Quiz Study Guide

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

Circle the correct answer:

1. What was the name that was specifically given to California's gold seekers?

- A. Pike's Peak or Busters
- B. Prospectors
- C. Gold Miners
- D. Forty-Niners

2. What is the official name of the Mormons?

- A. Church of God of Early Day Gentiles
- B. Church of the True Christ
- C. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- D. Smithians

3. Who led the Mormons to Utah?

- A. Theodore Bundy
- B. Brigham Young
- C. Robert LeRoy Parker
- D. Joseph Smith

4. At whose sawmill was gold discovered in 1848?

- A. John Sutter
- B. John Marshall
- C. Henry Bigler
- D. John C. Fremont

5. Who discovered the first nugget of gold at the sawmill?

- A. John Sutter
- B. John Marshall
- C. Henry Bigler
- D. John C. Fremont

6. To what California city did most of the gold seekers sail?

- A. Los Angeles
- B. Sacramento
- C. San Diego
- D. San Francisco

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7. Many people sailing to California sailed around the southern tip of South America. What is the name for the southern tip of South America?

- A. Cape Cod
- B. Cape Horn
- C. Cape of Good Hope
- D. Cape Breton

8. What is the name given to people in the mining towns who took the law into their own hands?

- A. Militia
- B. Auxiliary Police
- C. Freedom Fighters
- D. Vigilantes

9. The California Gold Rush attracted thousands of people from which Asian Country?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. China
- D. Vietnam

10. Where was the next large gold rush in the United States after the California Gold Rush?

- A. Arizona
- B. Montana
- C. Colorado
- D. Nevada

11. On a separate sheet of paper write your name and section and answer the following question, using at least three examples:

You are traveling to California in 1849. What do you think will be a better decision: Becoming a miner, or opening businesses where the miners are spending their money?

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Answers:

1. D. Forty-Niners
2. C. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
3. B. Brigham Young
4. A. John Sutter
5. B. John Marshall
6. D. San Francisco
7. B. Cape Horn
8. D. Vigilantes
9. C. China
10. C. Colorado