

Chapter 13: Gold Rush

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Sections 1-3. Define the given words by how they are used in the chapter. Place the letter of the definition in the blank next to the word that is described. Not all definitions will be used.

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| 1. _____ claim jumpers | a. a town that appears quickly |
| 2. _____ prospectors | c. people who stole someone’s land claim |
| 3. _____ boomtowns | f. a volunteer group that maintains order |
| 4. _____ ghost towns | g. someone who searches for minerals, gold |
| 5. _____ vigilance committees | h. a town that has been abandoned |
| | s. a haunted place, usually a home or town |

Section 1. If the statement is true, write TRUE in the blank; if the statement is false, write FALSE in the blank.

- 6. _____ James Marshall built a sawmill on the Yuba River.
- 7. _____ John Sutter owned the sawmill.
- 8. _____ President Polk announced that John Sutter built a sawmill.
- 9. _____ The 49ers were people seeking gold in the Sierra foothills.

Section 2. Fill in the blanks with words from the Word Bank.

water	sluice	claim jumpers	dynamite
pan	wild animals	miners	companies
shovel	rocks	environment	starvation

- 10. The first people seeking gold used a metal _____.
- 11. _____ became a problem for miners working in remote areas.
- 12. The _____ helped groups separate gold from dirt.
- 13. Hitting _____ six feet down stopped prospectors from digging further.

14. Only large _____ could afford to dig deep into the earth.
15. Cave-ins killed a lot of _____ who tunneled.
16. Hydraulic mining used _____ to blast away hillsides to find gold.
17. Eventually California outlawed hydraulic mining because it damaged the _____.

Section 3. Circle the letter of the correct answer for each problem.

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| <p>18. To make money in boomtowns, some people opened _____</p> <p>F. restaurants</p> <p>H. hotels</p> <p>M. barbershops</p> <p>W. all of the choices</p> | <p>21. Who enforced the laws in many boomtowns? _____</p> <p>B. judges</p> <p>I. sheriffs</p> <p>U. mayors</p> <p>Z. none of the above</p> |
| <p>19. When gold ran out, often boomtowns became _____</p> <p>F. ghost towns</p> <p>H. farms</p> <p>M. ganglands</p> <p>W. mining towns</p> | <p>22. What was a problem with vigilance committees? _____</p> <p>B. innocent people got punished</p> <p>I. they cost too much money</p> <p>U. they opposed women leaders</p> <p>Z. court trials took too long</p> |
| <p>20. What kind of people did gold often attract? _____</p> <p>F. women</p> <p>H. farmers</p> <p>M. criminals</p> <p>W. lawyers</p> | <p>23. How did California drive foreigners out of the gold fields? _____</p> <p>B. they used wagons and horses</p> <p>I. laws were written in English</p> <p>U. people refused to hire them</p> <p>Z. the state taxed them</p> |