

10-4 – The California Gold Rush- Pages 326-331

Essential Question: *How did the California gold rush change the future of the West?*

Main Idea 1:

The discovery of gold brought settlers to California.



- California controlled by _____ before _____ - _____ War
- Population was mostly _____ and _____
- Mexican _____ gave _____ immigrant _____ permission to found a _____ there in 1839.
- Became a _____ rest stop for _____
- _____ : group of early _____ traveling to _____ in 1846 that became the Sierra Nevada during heavy _____ and lost _____ of _____ members to _____

Gold in California

- Gold was discovered at _____ in January 1848.
- About _____ gold-seekers came to _____ in 1849; they were called _____.
- Gold-seekers from _____ and _____ who migrated to _____ were called _____.
- They would _____, or search for gold, along banks of _____ or in surface _____.
- Placer _____ used _____ to wash gold _____ out of loose rock and _____.
- California produced _____ in gold in 1853.



Life in the Mining Camps

- Mining _____ sprang up wherever enough people _____ to _____ for _____.
- Miners came from many _____ and _____.
- Most were _____, unmarried _____ in search of _____.
- 80% were _____; the rest came from around the _____.
- Only _____ percent of gold-rush _____ were _____ or _____.
- Women generally made good _____ by cooking meals, _____ clothes, and operating _____.
- Miners paid _____ prices for _____ necessities because the huge amount of _____ in circulation caused severe _____ in California.

Westward Movement in the United States

Causes

- Americans believe in idea of _____
- United States acquires _____ new lands in _____
- Pathfinders open _____ to new _____
- Gold is _____ in _____

Effects

- Native Americans are _____ off _____
- Americans travel _____ to settle new _____
- United States stretches to _____
- _____ experiences population _____



Immigrants to California

- The lure of _____ attracted _____ from around the _____.
- Immigrants and _____ flocked to _____ to “get _____ quick” and _____ to build a stable _____ society.
- Many _____ men came in hopes of making great _____ and then returning to _____ —about _____ from 1849 to 1853.
- Many _____ did not welcome the _____, but the _____ still worked in _____ mines, opened their own _____, and held other _____.
- In 1853, California placed a high monthly _____ on _____ miners.
- The _____ system favored _____ over _____.
- In 1849 alone, about _____ immigrants arrived in California from _____, Europe, _____, and South America.

Main Idea 2:

The gold rush had a lasting impact on California’s population and economy.

Population Boom

- Population _____ of the “_____” years quickly made _____ eligible for _____
- Became _____ state in 1850
- Growth had _____ effect on _____ and _____ in California



Economic Growth

- New _____ and _____ transformed California.
- Completion of _____ railroad in 1869 ended _____ from rest of _____ and aided _____
- The Transcontinental Railroad gave California’s _____ the means to _____ by _____ the _____ to the rest of the _____.