

CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

SCAVENGER HUNT

Q3 How many freedoms are included in the 1st Amendment?

Q4 What is another word for liberties (found in parenthesis)?

Q5 What is a change or addition to the U.S. Constitution known as?

Q6 Many of the delegates from states would not ratify, or Constitution.

Q7 The Bill of Rights has provided the foundation of freedom for all ____.

Q8 Who drafted a Bill of Rights that had 19 amendments?





















Q9 What word means plan of government?

Q10

Record the letters for each answer to each question. Use the corresponding letter. If the answer to Question #1 was a D, you would write D in the box.

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Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	

ALPHA CODE

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	=F		=N		=V
	=G		=O		=W
	=H		=P		=X
	=I		=Q		=Y
			=R		=Z

Record the letters for each answer below, then use the corresponding letter. If the answer to Question #1 was a D, you would write D in the box.

LETTERS



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ALPHA CODE

CARD #1




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THINK TANK

	
FLAKES	AMERICA

CARD #3

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MEXICO		ABUNDANCE

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 10 READING CARDS
- ✓ 10 QUESTIONS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

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ARGONAUTS



MYTHOLOGY



FLEECE

CARD #7

Towns seemed to pop-up overnight where miners camped. These towns were called boomtowns. San Francisco and Columbia, California were both boomtowns during the gold rush. The fast-growing town would quickly become deserted (empty of people) when miners left to search for gold in a new area. The businesses would close, leaving abandoned buildings behind. The emptied towns were called ghost towns.



SAN FRANCISCO



GHOST TOWNS



BOOMTOWNS

CARD #9

At the beginning of the California Gold Rush, the '49ers worked for the as time went on, many men were enough gold to buy what they needed to survive. Lots of the miners started larger companies digging for gold, getting paid for a day's work, and getting to keep any gold they



PAID



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ANSWER SHEET - NUMERIC CODE

Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question. Questions #1-10 will NOT be found on card #1. You have to visit each reading card to find your answer. The card number you found the answer to is the numeric code.

How many questions did you answer? _____

How many questions did you not answer? _____

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CARD #S AND QUESTIONS

Write the answer to each question in the box below.

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VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the chart below.

WORD PICTURE DEFINITION

Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
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NUMERIC CODE

Eliminate the highest & lowest number used as your answer for all numbers that are spelled with just one letter. For example, if you have numbers 1 and 2, you would eliminate 1 and 2. Only numbers remaining would be 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Do not change the order of the numbers.

Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

= A	= K	= S
= B	= L	= T
= C	= M	= U
= D	= N	= V
= E	= O	= W
= F	= P	= X
= G	= Q	= Y
= H	= R	= Z
= I	= S	= AA

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SUMMARY

TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL

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LETTERS

Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4

Eliminate the high

10 READING CARDS

CARD #1

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SAWMILL

FLAKES

CARD #2

Even though Marshall and Sutter tried to keep the gold discovery quiet so they could keep it for themselves, word got out. Newspapers reported that gold had been found in California in 1848. By August, there were over 4,000 people in the area.

CARD #3

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COUNTRY

MEXICO

ABUNDANCE

CARD #4

People took out loans for mining equipment, sold their homes, packed up their whole lives for the chance at finding gold in California. About 95 percent of the gold prospectors were men. Some men left families behind, and some brought them. In California, the families left behind had to learn how to take care of farms and homes, make money, and take care of the children while the men were off searching for gold.

CARD #5

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ARGONAUTS

MYTHOLOGY

FLEECE

CARD #6

Shops and business owners selling the supplies needed for the gold rush raised their prices and sometimes...

CARD #7

Towns seemed to pop-up overnight during the gold rush. These towns were called boomtowns during the gold rush. The town would quickly become deserted (empty) when miners left to search for gold in other areas. The businesses were abandoned buildings behind them. These towns were called boomtowns.

SAN FRANCISCO

CARD #8

Not yet a state, California had no government to create laws. Vigilante groups (unofficial groups created to track down and punish criminals) were formed.

LAW

VIGILANTE

CARD #9

At the beginning of the California Gold Rush, the '49ers worked for themselves, but as time went on, many men weren't finding enough gold to buy what they needed to live. Lots of the miners worked for companies digging for gold. They were getting paid for getting paid for getting to keep any gold they found.

PAID

DIGGING

LARGER

CARD #10

California became the 31st state of the United States in 1850. During the gold rush, by the end of the 1850's, gold mining was just about finished. Miners had found a lot of gold; 750,000 pounds were extracted during the gold rush. That would be equal to about \$2 billion today. While a lot of gold was found during the California Gold Rush, most people who traveled to California didn't find enough to become rich. The California Gold Rush made more money for settlers to head West and helped give the way for westward expansion of the United States.

UNITED STATES

SETTLERS

ANSWER SHEET: ALPHA CODE

Use the decoder to determine which LETTER your answer choice indicates (based on the questions on the other page). Refer back to the card WHERE you FOUND the answer to determine the letters.

	=A		=J		=S
	=B		=K		=T
	=C		=L		=U

ANSWER SHEET: NUMERIC CODE

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<p>Q1 The area where gold was discovered became known as _____.</p> <p>Q2 _____,000 _____ were extracted during the California Gold Rush.</p> <p>Q3 _____ groups (unofficial) were created to track down and punish criminals.</p> <p>Q4 James Wilson Marshall found gold in the _____ River.</p> <p>Q5 Lots of the miners worked for _____ companies.</p>	<p>Q6 _____ Brannan was one of the first merchants (shop owners).</p> <p>Q7 About 95 percent of the gold prospectors were _____.</p> <p>Q8 What were the towns that seemed to pop up overnight called?</p> <p>Q9 What were those who traveled to California by boat called?</p> <p>Q10 Shops raised prices because the _____ (gold seekers) needed the supplies.</p>
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Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

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CITE EVIDENCE



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ALPHA CODE

For each answer below, then use the decoder to grab the corresponding letter. If the answer to Question # 1 was a crown, the letter would be C.

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Eliminate the highest & lowest number used as one of YOUR answers.
Get rid of all numbers that are not used as one of YOUR answers.

Eliminate the highest CONSONANT used as one of YOUR answers.
Eliminate the lowest CONSONANT used as one of YOUR answers.

How many letters remain? _____
Do not change the order.

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STUDENTS MAY START AT ANY QUESTION AND VISIT THE CARDS SEVERAL TIMES SEEKING TEXT EVIDENCE.

2

STUDENTS WILL RECORD **WHERE THEY FOUND THE ANSWER.**

3

STUDENTS WILL USE THE CLUES TO DETERMINE A 4-DIGIT ALPHA CODE AND 4-DIGIT NUMERIC CODE.

COMBINATION










This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ✓ movement
- ✓ close reading
- ✓ comprehension skills
- ✓ secret codes
- ✓ citing evidence
- ✓ critical thinking

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

OPTIONS

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

-  Anticipatory sets
-  Unit review
-  Early finishers
-  Stations
-  Sub plans
-  Partner work
-  Enrichment

-  Movement
-  Cross-curricular
-  Highly engaging

