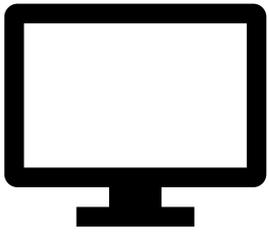


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The California Gold Rush lasted from 1848 to 1855. California was not yet a state, so the area was known as Sierra Nevada. Over 300,000 people rushed to the area to search for gold.

Between 1848 and 1850 San Francisco's population quickly grew. Most of the "forty-niners" arrived by sea after long and dangerous voyages. Unfortunately, many of them died from shipwreck or diseases on the journey. Thousands of immigrants searching for gold arrived by sea. Those who traveled to California by boat were called "Argonauts." The name was based on Greek Mythology where a ship named the "Argo" was in search of the Golden Fleece.

The gold was first discovered at Sutter's Mill in California. James W. W. Sutter was the first person to find shiny gold flakes in the river. John Sutter, the owner of the mill, tried to keep the discovery a secret but word quickly spread. Samuel Brannan was one of the first merchants to set up a shop selling supplies for panning gold. He is famous for running through San Francisco shouting "Gold! Gold! Gold from the American River!"

Newspaper reports multiplied and hundreds of immigrants from all around the world traveled to California to search for gold. The area where gold was found quickly became known as Gold Country. The Gold Rush was the largest mass migration in US history.

People came to pan for gold from Latin America, France, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Africa, China and the Caribbean. Thousands of ships were left abandoned in the San Francisco harbor while their owners went panning for gold. Within two years, the population of San Francisco jumped from 1,000 to 25,000.

Miners used a method called panning to separate gold and dirt. The miners would scoop the river gravel into a pan and shake it back and forth. Gold is heavy therefore it would stay on the bottom of the pan.

Thousands of gold miners needed pans, shovels, picks and daily living supplies. Store owners that sold the supplies became wealthier than the gold miners. Prices for daily items skyrocketed. The store owners sold supplies at high prices and miners were willing to pay in their attempt to "strike it rich."

When new gold was discovered miners would travel from town to town.

What were the overnight towns called? *

- Blast areas
- Motel Six
- Shack cities
- Boomtowns

What year did California become a state? *

- 1810
- 1890
- 1850
- None of the above

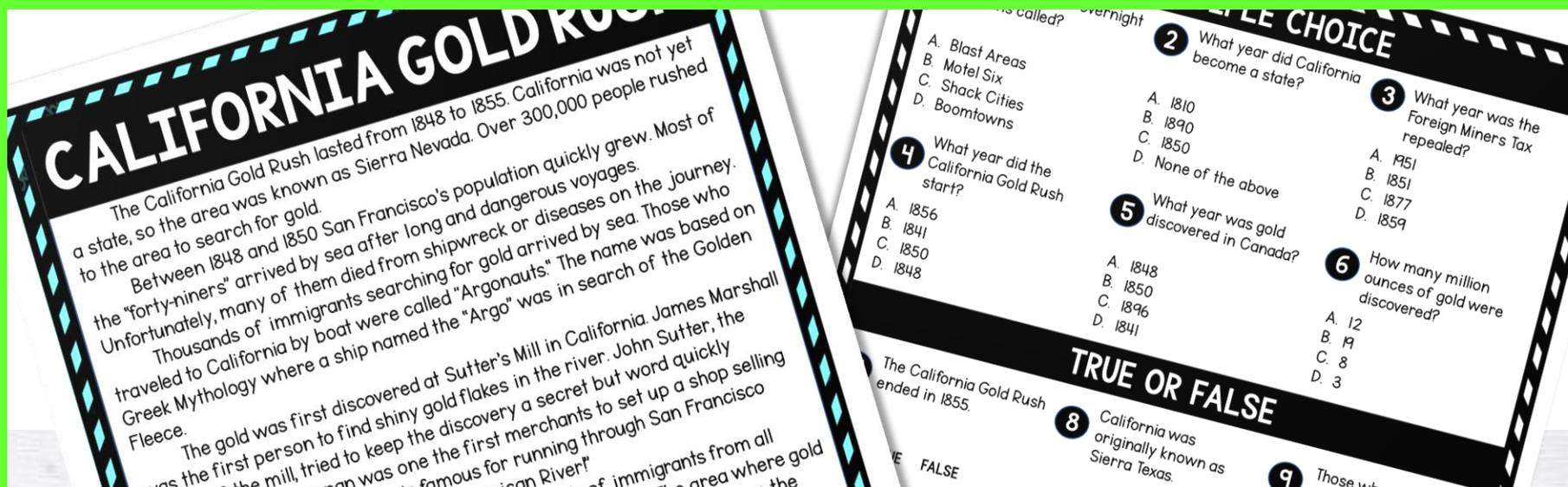
What year was the Foreign Miners Tax repealed? *

- 1951
- 1851
- 1877
- 1859

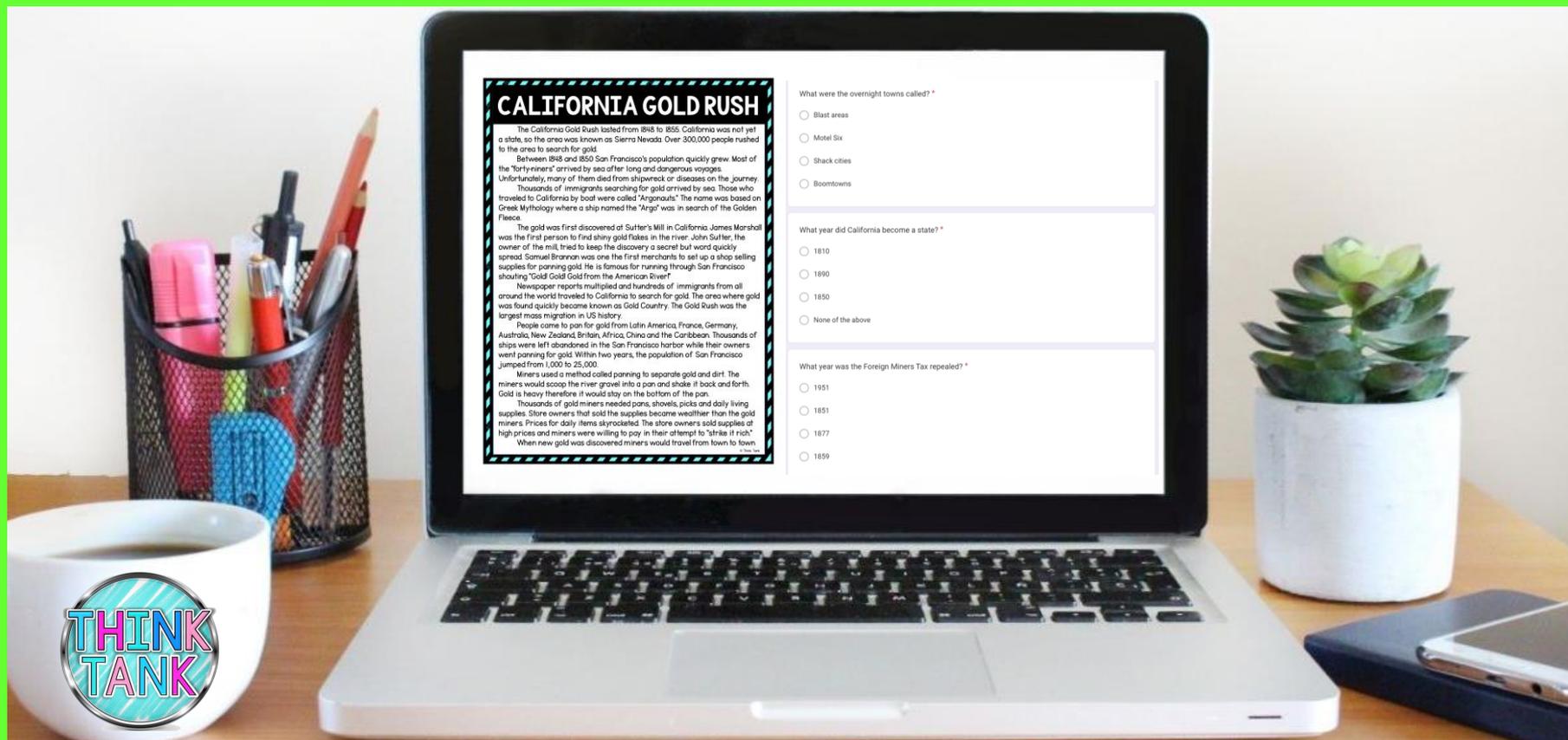


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-  **MULTIPLE CHOICE (6)**
-  **TRUE OR FALSE (9)**
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True

False



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