Chapter 13, Section 4: The California Gold Rush (p. 439 – 443)


2. What nickname was given to those that rushed to California to look for gold?

3. Prior to the Gold Rush, most people living in California were of what two groups. One was the ________________ who were of Hispanic descent and were mostly involved in huge _________________. The other group, ________________ worked for them.

4. What is a migration?

5. What is a “gold rush”? Were only Americans involved in the California gold rush? Explain your answer.

6. List the three ways of getting to California and their dangers.
   a. sail 18000 miles around ________________ Dangers: __________________________
   b. sail to ________________, cross to the Pacific, then sail to California Dangers: ___________________
   c. travel the ________________ of North America Dangers:

7. Who was the Californio mentioned in your text on page 440? Was he wealthy? Give clue to his wealth.

8. One in ten immigrants to California were ____________. They worked mines that were “played – out”.

9. True or False Most miners became rich. If false, why?

10. Final Impact:
   a. In 1850, California became a ____________ state when it joined the Union.
   b. How did the gold rush affect many Californios? How did it affect Mariano Vallejo?
   c. How did the gold rush affect the Native Americans? Be specific.
   d. How did the foreign miners tax affect the Chinese? (Think alternative occupations)

11. Which California city became a center of banking, manufacturing, shipping and trade? ____________

12. Which California city became the center of a rich farming region? ________________

13. Explain the problem created in admitting California to the United States.
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**SECTION**

**READING STUDY GUIDE**

**The California Gold Rush**

- **Before, You Learned**  Victory in a War with Mexico allowed Americans to expand the country across the continent.

- **Now You Will Learn**  The discovery of gold in California in 1848 led to a population increase and statehood.

**AS YOU READ**  Take notes listing causes and effects for the events in the section. Use the cause-and-effect diagram on both pages of this worksheet.

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| A Discovery Changes California  
Gold is discovered in California’s American River in 1848. | 1. Forty-niners: |
|  | 2. Native Americans: |
|  | 3. Californios: |
| Growth Brings Fast Changes  
Several crop failures affect peasants in a region of China.  
Used to back-breaking labor, Chinese forty-niners make played-out mines yield profits. | 4. |
|  | American miners resent success of the Chinese and force them out of the gold fields. |
|  | 6. Chinatown: |