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 ____________ in the Sierra Nevada during heavy ____________ and lost _____ of ____ members.

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 ____________.