

Read the article CALIFORNIA- THE GOLDEN STATE and then answer these questions.

When was the state of California cede to the US?

When was gold discovered in the state of California?

Who discovered gold in the river?

Who were called the 49ers?

When did San Francisco become an important center for finance, trade, and manufacturing?

When did the gold Rush end?

What is California today?

Listen to the story of Sam Brannan - the first gold rush millionaire. Then, read the summary and fill in the gaps with the words in the box

store Forty-Niners drink During picks, pans and shovels fortune
fields gold money



Sam Brannan



A Forty-Niner with a pick, a prospecting pan, and a shovel

_____the Gold Rush, Sam Brannan made his _____by selling _____ and others to the _____diggers.

He had the only _____ between San Francisco (Yerba Buena) and the gold_____. He bought up all the mining tools he could find and then he sold them to the _____ and made a lot of_____.

In the end he lost his fortune because of _____

Match the sentence beginnings (a-j) with the sentence endings (1-10) to retell the story of Sam Brannan.

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| a | Sam Brannan became ... | 1 | all the picks, shovels, and pans. |
| b | He was running ... | 2 | the laws of supply and demand. |
| c | He quickly recognized ... | 3 | a successful businessman in California. |
| d | He bought up ... | 4 | the market for picks, shovels, and pans. |
| e | He ran ... | 5 | his fortune and his health. |
| f | He cornered ... | 6 | the only store near the gold fields. |
| g | He really understood ... | 7 | an unnoticed death. |
| h | He made ... | 8 | a gap in the market. |
| i | In the end he lost ... | 9 | \$36,000 in just nine weeks. |
| j | He died ... | 10 | up and down the streets shouting "Gold, gold, ..." |

Listen to Sam's story again and write "T" for true and "F" for false.

He was one of the most successful businessmen in California during the Gold Rush.

He arrived in California in 1846.

San Francisco was just a small community of a few hundred people in 1855

Gold was discovered on John Sutter's land in 1848

He was running the only store between San Francisco and the gold fields. 1848

He bought all the picks, shovels, and pans.

He shouted "Gold, gold on the American River!" in the streets of San Francisco to dig for gold.

He sold a metal pan for 15 dollars.

He made \$36,000 In just nine weeks,

He had become the first gold rush millionaire within years

Unluckily, he lost his fortune and his health because of Alcoholism

Look back through the article on page 28 to complete these verb-noun collocations with have, make, and take in the correct form.

- a Many _____ the risk of the dangerous cross country trip ...
- b The adventurers came to California to _____ a brighter future for themselves.
- c ... they _____ hope of finding fortune and riches.

Complete some more verb-noun collocations by adding *have*, *make*, or *take* to these lists.

a _____
a fortune
a fuss
a living
a loss
a mess
money
a profit
sense
a start
way

b _____
action
advice
a deep breath
an exam
notes
office
place
responsibility
a risk
sugar

c _____
difficulty
dinner
a duty
fun
hope
inspiration
a moment
a right
a talk
a vision

Complete the sentences with an appropriate noun from previous exercise

- a I always make a _____ when I cook.
- b I don't understand my dreams. They never make _____ .
- c The president of my country took _____ two years ago.
- d I always have _____ finding somewhere to park near here.
- e I don't take _____ in coffee or tea.
- f In my job, I have a _____ to two weeks' vacation per year.