DAILY Warm-Up 2

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# THE GOLD RUSH

Can you imagine finding gold? This was the quest of many people who arrived in California in 1849. They were searching for gold. Gold had been found and so everyone wanted a piece of it. This was called the Gold Rush. People came from all over the world to find gold. Villages sprang up overnight. Tents formed these temporary villages that were set up wherever gold was discovered. These villages would be abandoned as soon as gold was found elsewhere.

Many gold prospectors were able to strike it rich. Some found thousands of dollars worth of gold nuggets or gold dust. Not everyone was so lucky. With so much gold around, the price for items went up and up. People had to spend a lot of money to buy food and supplies. They spent all of their money trying to find the gold that was never to be found. Most went home broke.

Years later, gold was found in 1896 near the Klondike River in Canada's Yukon Territory. This sparked another gold rush. Within a year over 100,000 men and women arrived in Canada. It was a long trip and many would never complete it because of the cold weather and the raging rivers. People died along the way. Most of the people that did make it to the Yukon were not able to find gold in Canada, and soon the Gold Rush was over.

## STORY QUESTIONS

1. What brought so many people to California in 1849?
   a. They were seeking gold.
   b. They were starting a new territory.
   c. They were sent by the federal government.
   d. They were fighting in the Mexican War.

2. The author wrote this passage to . . .
   a. justify the reasons people went to California.
   b. inform the reader of how gold miners were not mistreated.
   c. share general information about the Gold Rushes in North America.
   d. raise awareness of mistreatment of immigrants to California.

3. Which of the following statements is a fact about the results of the Gold Rush?
   a. Many had their land taken away from them.
   b. Gold Rushers spent all of their money in land.
   c. With gold around, prices for food and supplies went up.
   d. With so much gold around, people were robbed.



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