

<<Race to California>>

Magazine 20 Topic 8

Based on what we read, answer this worksheet following every item's instructions.

I. True or False: Write T or F based on each sentence or proposal.

- _____ Days before Mexico signed the treaty that gave California to the U.S., workers were building a sawmill for John Sutter on the American River.
- _____ The people who came to look for gold were often called forty-niners, because many got to California in 1849.
- _____ Experts say miners dug up about \$2 million in gold.
- _____ After the Gold Rush, New England sailors continued taking the long, scary sea journey to California.
- _____ California had more people from more different places than any other state.

II. Fill in the Blanks: Complete each sentence with the correct word or phrase.

- Immigrants came to find _____ - and stayed to start new lives.
- Thanks to the Gold Rush, _____ grew to about 100,000 by 1849.
- On September 9, 1850, California became the _____.
- Rail travel became _____, allowing more people and goods to travel across the country.
- Many forty-niners traveled west along the _____, but others came to California in ships.