

## **Study Guide Slide 1. Introduction**

### Gold Discovered in California

1. Who first discovered gold?

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2. Where and when did this happen?

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3. What president verified that there was actually gold in California?

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4. People who prospected for gold became known by what nickname?

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5. In what other ways did people make their fortune besides gold?

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### Gold Fever Discovery

1. What impression do you get from the person talking about gold on the sound clip?

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2. According to the sound recording how is one way that the discovery of gold was leaked to the public?

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3. How did they know that the gold was real?

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**Study Guide Slide 3. Part 1 of the Journey.**

[The Overland Wagon](#)

1. It can be said that the wagons were not made for people. Do you agree or disagree and why?

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[The Overland Trail](#) – clickable map

Use this area to list at least two cities and an interesting story or two about each.

First City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Second City: \_\_\_\_\_

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[Fun Facts](#)

Why were the 49ers willing to spend so much money on a glass of water?

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Was heavy traffic a problem along the trail? Why or why not?

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Children on the Trail

Would you say that it was better for children to go with their parents or stay behind? Why do you think this way?

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Use this space to add anything else you discovered:

**Study Guide Slide 4. Hardships.**

Journey of the 49ers

What was one reason that the travelers had so many problems in the wilderness?

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What weather problems faced the people going West?

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Which was a bigger problem, being attacked by Indians or being infected with illness?

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Why do you suppose illness was a problem?

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Gold Fever Across Land

Listen to the clip about the journey. Is the author's message positive or negative? Justify your answer.

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**Study Guide for Slide 5. Arrival.**

Pioneer Life in San Francisco

Who usually made out better, the miners or the store owners? Why do you say that?

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Describe the appearance of early Sacramento.

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Gold Rush, the Lure and the Legacy

How did California get its name?

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What are some of the descriptions that the early settlers made about California?

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Gold Fever, Law, Order and Justice for Some

What were some of the nationalities of the people of the Gold Rush?

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In what ways were the early settlers discriminated against? Give examples.

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Gold Towns

What was the purpose of the Gold Rush towns?

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What were some of the needs of the miners?

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Link to one of the cities on the map and describe what it was like there.

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**Study Guide for Slide 6. The Search.**

[Loneliness is a Problem.](#)

Have you ever felt lonely? Compare the way you felt with the way the miners must have felt. Be sure to use examples from the web page.

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[The Gold Rush – Despair](#)

Describe a typical miner’s day.

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What did the miners’ frustration and disappointment eventually turn to?

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[Mining Techniques](#)

Describe how a Long Tom helped miners find gold.

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[Gold Fever Life of the Miner](#)

Explain what is meant by the term “harsh reality of the miner’s life.” Use examples.

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Listen to the audio clip “miner’s life.” How does the person feel? Justify your answer.

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Miner’s Ten Commandments

How does this page show that the miners still had a sense of humor, in spite of all the hardships?

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Onsite Adventures

Visit the links that show all the mining examples. Describe what you think would be a typical day for a miner.

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Gold Fever Giant Gold Machines

Read about the giant gold machines. Do you think they were good for the environment? Why or why not?

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