

Name _____ **California Gold Rush**



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Use words from the box to complete the paragraph.

tools	California	prospectors	secret
sawmill	seven-year	forty-niners	supplies

1. The California Gold Rush took place between 1848 and 1855 when gold was discovered in _____.
2. While working to build a _____ for John Sutter, Marshall found shiny flakes of gold in the river.
3. Although they tried to keep it a _____, people quickly found out about the gold.
4. Over a _____ period, over 300,000 people "rushed" to California, hoping to find gold and get rich.
5. Because the influx of prospectors really increased in 1849, they were nicknamed "_____."
6. A few early _____ did find gold and make money, but most did not.
7. The only people who consistently made money during the gold rush were the business owners who sold _____ and _____ to the miners.