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Overview Expanding West Sec 4:

California Gold Rush

Donner Party

Forty-niner's

Staking a claim

Miner's camps

Impact of Gold Rush on California

Cause & Effects of Westward Migration

Section 4: California Gold Rush

Key Terms & People:

John Sutter – _____

Donner Party – _____

Forty-niners – _____

Prospect – _____

placer miners – _____

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The discovery of gold brought settlers to California

- _____
- Population was mostly _____
- Mexican officials gave Swiss immigrant _____ permission to found a colony there in 1839.
 - Became a popular rest stop for immigrants.

Gold in California

- Gold _____
- About 80,000 gold-seekers came to California in 1849; they were called _____
- They would **prospect**, _____, along banks of streams or in surface mines.
- **Placer miners** _____
- California produced _____ million in gold in 1853.

Life in the Mining Camps

- _____
- Miners came from many cultures and backgrounds.
 - Most were _____ in search of adventure.
 - _____ were Americans; the rest came from around the world.
 - Only 5 percent of gold-rush immigrants were _____
- Women generally made good money by cooking meals, washing clothes, and operating boardinghouses.
- _____
- _____
- _____

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Immigrants to California

- _____ attracted miners from around the world.
- Many _____ came in hopes of making great wealth and then returning to China
 - about _____ from 1849 to 1853.
- Many Americans _____, but the Chinese still worked in gold mines, opened their own businesses, and held other jobs.
 - In 1853, California placed a high monthly tax on foreign miners.
 - _____
- In 1849 alone, about 20,000 immigrants arrived in California from China, Europe, Mexico, and South America.

The gold rush had a lasting impact on California's population and economy

Population Boom

- _____
- Became 31st state in _____

Economic Growth

- New businesses and industries transformed California.
- _____
- _____

Westward Movement in the United States

Causes

- _____
- United States acquires _____
- Pathfinders open trails to new territories
- _____

Effects

- _____
- Americans travel west to settle new areas
- _____
- _____