

Gold Rush Video Questions

Directions: Use the video to answer the following questions.

1. How did the discovery of gold in California differ from the earlier discoveries?
Earlier discoveries were the property of the ruler. Now the individual keeps it
2. Which of the following BEST describes California prior to the discovery at Sutter's Mill?
 - a. Densely populated
 - b. Remote
 - c. Urban
3. Some of the difficulties 49ers encountered on the 'overland' route include:
 - a. Disease
 - b. Starvation
 - c. Accidents due to guns or weather
4. Within five years over 750,000 or 1/4 of a million settlers made it to California.
5. Which of the following BEST describes the labor of prospecting, finding the gold?
 - a. Gold nuggets were easily picked up from California rivers
 - b. It was very labor intensive that required massive amounts of work to separate the gold from the gravel
 - c. Most prospectors got wealthy very easily
6. Which of the following is TRUE regarding Californios at the beginning of the Gold Rush?
 - a. Californios owned massive tracts of land who looked forward to U.S. citizenship
 - b. Californios had little influence on California culture
 - c. Californios were isolated socially and culturally from one another
7. One way the freedom felt by young male 49ers is shown is by doing things that were not acceptable back east.
8. One way in which Chinese immigrants influenced California was food and medicine
9. "The ones who got rich were the ones who mined the miners." - business owners & real estate dealers.
10. What impact did the Gold Rush have on the city of San Francisco?
 - a. The Gold Rush caused San Francisco to grow quickly
 - b. The Gold Rush had little impact on San Francisco
 - c. The Gold Rush caused San Francisco to become the capital of California
11. One way the Gold Rush impacted the environment included: pollution of the water w/ hydrolic mining
12. During the "Mariposa War" 49ers were fighting against Yosemite Indians who tried to hold on to their land.
13. The rapid population growth, and statehood, of California required the building of a railroad linking it to the rest of the United States.
14. The impact the Transcontinental Railroad had on the nation can be described as increasing industrial production and transport of goods.
15. How did the Californios' idea of land ownership differ from 49ers and other Anglo-Americans?
 - a. Land was family property to be passed on to new generations for the Californios
 - b. Anglos paid most of their bills in land, their only currency unlike the Californios
 - c. Both A and B

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16. One thing I don't understand about the Gold Rush is you answer this.