

Gold Fever

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Reading Level: 3.8

Points: 0.5

1. Where did the Gold Rush take place?
 - a. California
 - b. Nevada
 - c. Mexico
 - d. Canada

2. How did John Sutter test the gold rock to see if it was really gold?
 - a. He weighed it and pounded it flat.
 - b. He dropped it in a glass of water.
 - c. He tasted it.
 - d. He smelled it.

3. Why did John Sutter ask James Marshall to keep the gold a secret?
 - a. He was afraid his workers would run off to find gold.
 - b. He wanted to go dig up all the gold himself.
 - c. He wanted to send the gold nugget to a jeweler.
 - d. He didn't believe that the nugget really was gold.

4. What was California Gold Grease supposed to be used for?
 - a. To rub on your body, roll down a hill, and collect gold nuggets
 - b. To grease the wheels of wagons heading to California
 - c. To grease the machines that were used to dig gold from the ground
 - d. To slick down the hair of gold miners so they could see

5. Back in 1849, how long did it take for Easterners to get to California?
 - a. Many weeks
 - b. Five years
 - c. Two days
 - d. Six hours

6. What were the men called who went in search of gold in 1849?
 - a. The Forty-niners
 - b. The Golden Men
 - c. Gold Seekers
 - d. Gold Rushers

7. What was the Isthmus of Panama like?
 - a. Sixty miles of thick, hot, steamy, jungle
 - b. An island paradise where men could take a break
 - c. A river of gold nuggets
 - d. A cool, breezy island off the coast of California

8. What did one man find when he dug up a squirrel nest?
 - a. Golden nuggets instead of nuts
 - b. Thousands of pecans
 - c. Baby squirrels
 - d. Dollar bills

9. Who will history remember as the man who discovered gold in California?
 - a. James Marshall
 - b. James Buchanan
 - c. Long Tom
 - d. Kit Carson

10. What was the "blue stuff" discovered in Comstock, Nevada?
 - a. Silver
 - b. Mercury
 - c. Copper
 - d. Diamonds