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**Instructions:** Use clues and information from *1849: The California Gold Rush* and what you already know to make inferences and draw conclusions about the events in the book.



**Text**

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**Prior Knowledge**

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**Inference**



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**Instructions:** Write the correct verb in the space provided.

- 1 The prospectors \_\_\_\_\_ in mining camps made of tents and rough shelters.  
(lives, lived)
- 2 Some early prospectors \_\_\_\_\_ successful.  
(were, was)
- 3 About half of the forty-niners \_\_\_\_\_ to go by ship.  
(decides, decided)
- 4 In 1848, there \_\_\_\_\_ no phones, TVs, or radios.  
(was, were)
- 5 John Sutter \_\_\_\_\_ his property when the United States would not recognize his land grant from Mexico.  
(lost, lose)
- 6 Many miners \_\_\_\_\_ forward to the adventure almost as much as finding gold, but the adventure \_\_\_\_\_ more than they'd bargained for.  
(looked, looks)  
(prove, proved)
- 7 People from California and Oregon soon \_\_\_\_\_ up to work the rivers near Sutter's Mill.  
(shows, showed)
- 8 The shiny flakes of gold \_\_\_\_\_ at the bottom of the pan.  
(stayed, stays)
- 9 Many \_\_\_\_\_ that the worst things were crowding and boredom.  
(reports, reported)

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**Instructions:** Choose the correct definition for the boldface word in each sentence and write the letter on the line.

## BOLDFACE WORDS

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Sutter had forty-eight thousand acres and no wish to be **overrun** with gold hunters.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 All people needed for **placer mining** was a shovel and a shallow, flat pan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 The **prospectors** stood in the rivers and shoveled gravel into their pans.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4 In 1849, ninety thousand people—called forty-niners—joined the **gold rush**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 They planned to quickly make a **fortune** and come home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6 **Cholera** killed many people along the journey.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7 Many fell ill, often due to poor **sanitary** conditions and diet, but they kept working.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8 **Entrepreneurs** made a fortune by selling to the miners.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9 The West was **populated** in a few years instead of decades.

- a. the sudden movement of many people to an area where gold has been found
- b. of or relating to cleanliness and health
- c. lived in; filled with inhabitants
- d. a large amount of money or possessions
- e. people who start and operate their own business
- f. a serious and often deadly disease of the digestive system
- g. people who search for minerals such as gold and silver
- h. entered or taken over by large numbers of something
- i. the process of extracting valuable minerals from streambeds or glacial deposits.