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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 Four days later, Marshall went to \_\_\_\_\_ John Sutter, who owned the mill.  
(show, showed)
- 2 Everyone agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ the secret: gold had been discovered in California.  
(kept, keep)
- 3 In 1848, the world \_\_\_\_\_ very different from today.  
(was, were)
- 4 Sam Brannan \_\_\_\_\_ a bottle with gold dust and \_\_\_\_\_ through the streets yelling about the discovery.  
(fill, filled) (run, ran)
- 5 Placer mining \_\_\_\_\_ because gold is much heavier than gravel.  
(work, works)
- 6 The shiny gold flakes \_\_\_\_\_ at the bottom of the pan.  
(stays, stayed)
- 7 Slaves \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes forced to work mining California gold.  
(were, was)
- 8 About half of the forty-niners \_\_\_\_\_ to go by ship.  
(decides, decided)

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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 All people needed for **placer mining** was a shovel and a shallow, flat pan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 **Erosion** had long ago washed the metal down the mountains into the rivers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 The **prospectors** stood in the rivers and shoveled gravel into their pans.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4 In 1849, ninety thousand people joined the **gold rush**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 The forty-niners planned to quickly make a **fortune** and come home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6 **Entrepreneurs** made a fortune by selling to the miners.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7 California now has a huge **economy**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8 Nine days later, Mexico signed a **treaty** that gave California to the United States.

- a. the sudden movement of many people to an area where gold has been found
- b. the natural removal of rock or soil by water, wind, or ice
- c. an agreement of peace between two nations or groups
- d. the process of drawing minerals from gravel in streams
- e. a large amount of money
- f. people who start and operate their own business
- g. the movement of money in a country or area
- h. people who search for minerals such as gold or silver