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California Gold Rush - Vocab Cards

equipment]>

things kept for a particular purpose like a job, hobby, sport, etc.
Of all the sports, hockey might require the most _equipment_.



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Foreign Miners' Tax]>

an 1850 tax levied against foreign miners during the California Gold Rush in order to suppress competition.

The _Foreign Miners' Tax_ made it difficult for prospectors from outside the US to afford to stay in California.



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forty-niner]>

a person who traveled to California during the gold rush of 1849.

During the California Gold Rush, miners became known as _forty-niners_, named after the year they arrived.



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gold rush]>

a fast-moving migration of many people to a location where gold was found.

When news of a farmer finding gold spread, a _gold rush_ began. Thousands came from far and wide to try to get rich quick.



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mineral]>

a substance that is found naturally in the Earth and that does not contain plant or animal matter. Gold is an example.

At the museum, we saw a rare _mineral_ that was found underground in Texas.



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pan]>

to wash sand or gravel in a pan to separate heavy particles like gold and silver.

He set out before sunrise to _pan_ for gold in the river but cam home empty-handed.



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pickaxe]>

a tool used to break rocks or the ground with two pointed metal ends and a long handle.

Shauna spent hours breaking open boulders with a _pickaxe_ in hopes of finding something valuable.



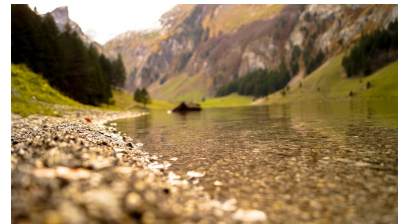
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placer]>

a deposit that contains valuable minerals found underwater or in glaciers.

Luck was on his side when Mr. Brown found a handful of gold flecks in a _placer_ in the American River.



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prospector]>

a person who searches for natural resources like oil or gold.

Prospectors arrived by the dozen when an oilfield was discovered in a small town outside of Fargo.



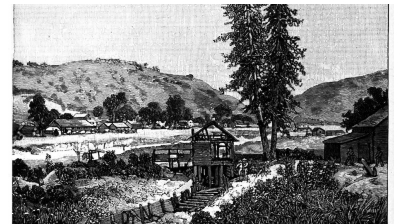
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Sutter's Mill]>

a sawmill in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountain range in California where James W. Marshall struck gold and sparked the California Gold Rush

The California Gold Rush began when James W. Marshall found gold at _Sutter's Mill_.



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