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Date _____

California Gold Rush

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. In the mid-1800s, people caught gold { } and went west to California.

A. flu

C. fever

B. sickness

D. cold

2. True or False: The only way to reach California was by land in the mid-1800s.

A. True

B. False

3. Forty-niners were named for { }.

A. the dollar value of gold

C. a major highway in California

B. the year they arrived in California

D. the number of miners that arrived

4. Miners lived in { } alongside each other.

A. dormitories

C. parks

B. hotels

D. camps

5. Miners { } for gold in mineral deposits in river bends called placers.

A. panned

C. salted

B. flanged

D. crunched

6. { } prospectors got rich during the California Gold Rush.

A. Zero

C. Most

B. Early

D. State

7. True or False: California became a state before the California Gold Rush.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Why was the Foreign Miners' Tax instituted?

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| A. To decrease competition from foreign miners | C. To increase tourism |
| B. To attract foreign miners | D. To make it illegal for foreign miners to come to America |

9. Which of the following people would most likely have made the most money during the gold rush?

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| A. An American miner who arrived in 1853 | C. A foreign miner forced to pay taxes |
| B. A merchant who sold mining equipment | D. An Indigenous person from California |

10. How did the settlement of California during the gold rush impact the area's Indigenous population?

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| A. It made many Indigenous people rich. | C. It nearly wiped out the Indigenous population entirely. |
| B. It granted most Indigenous people job opportunities. | D. It did not affect California's indigenous population. |