

1. **James Marshall:** A carpenter who found gold at Sutter's Mill
2. **Gold Rush:** a period from 1848 to 1856 when thousands of people came to California in order to search for gold.
3. **Forty-niners:** people who went to California during the gold rush of 1849
4. **Isthmus:** a narrow strip of land with water on both sides
5. **Beckwourth Pass:** one of the main wagon routes into California's Sacramento Valley
6. **mother lode:** A gold-rich area in the central Sierra Nevada foothills.
7. **Levi Strauss:** Immigrant from Germany who produced the first denim pants in San Francisco during the California Gold Rush
8. **panning for gold:** Using a wide pan with a screen to sift dirt from a stream or river bed in the hopes of finding gold particles
9. **hydraulic mining:** the use of powerful jets of water to break apart earth and find gold
10. **representative:** a person who is elected by citizens to speak or act for them
11. **Constitution:** A written plan of government
12. **Legislature:** A group of people who have the power to make laws
13. **capitol:** A building where a legislative body of a republic, state or country meets

14. **Compromise of 1850:** series of measures that were intended to settle the disagreements between free states and slave states. California would join as a free state